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Freshly filled potholes on Bremen Avenue on Thursday.

Road project hits potholes Bremen Avenue work angers city, residents

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

City leaders are angry that a road improvement project has developed potholes less than a month after the \$100,000 job was supposed to be completed.

Bremen Avenue has been a nightmare for its residents and city officials. The road improvement project was basically completed Nov. 23. But a glitch — the reason for which has not yet been determined — in the project caused oil from the street to rise to the surface of the road on Dec. 3.

The road subsequently became soft, causing tires to sink through the surface of the road and oil to be tracked throughout the neighborhood on the north end of the city, just off Highway 205.

The road was closed to traffic that day and sand was used to absorb the excess oil.

Joe Juneau of Juneau and Associates, the city's contractual engineer, told the City Council on Tuesday night that more road work was needed — at additional cost to the city.

Less than a month after the road was supposed to be completed, potholes had formed in the road's surface.

Hart's Excavating, the contractor, is obligated to do the work under the terms of its contract with the city, Juneau said.

But, he added, any additional costs associated with fixing the street will have to be paid for by the city — at least until a cause for the Dec. 3 incident is determined.

The City Council voted 10-4 Tuesday

night to approve \$3,614 in additional funds for the project to cover the cost of sanding, traffic control and patching potholes. But council approval came only after an earlier motion to approve the costs failed.

Aldermen Tom Candler, Sandy Crites, Craig Tarpoff and Bob Shipley all voted against the change order.

They, along with Aldermen Walter Milton and Freddie Frederick, had voted earlier not to approve the funds.

Approval requires eight votes and the tally was 7-6. Eddie Asadorian was absent, and Kim Affolter was not present for the 7-6 vote.

But Milton and Frederick changed their vote after Milton made a motion to reconsider the matter, and funding was approved, 10-4.

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Taxing concerns Madison residents question city policies

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison residents admit the city departments are overtaxed as a result of the city's financial woes, but the residents say they are overtaxed as well.

About 40 residents attended a public hearing Tuesday on the city's 1993 property tax levy. At a meeting following the hearing the aldermen voted down a proposed \$546,395 amended levy for 1993, which would have resulted in an approximate tax rate of \$3.52 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and approved a \$483,004 levy — resulting in an approximate tax rate of \$2.92 per \$100.

Mayor John Belkoff, however, said he may veto the levy ordinance.

Abated property taxes for businesses, federal and state grants, voter referendums, falling property values and whether aldermen are property owners were among the issues raised by residents.

Many of the residents said that city services should be better, but also said they understood that the street and police departments were understaffed and doing the best they can.

Those residents said they were dismayed that the tax increase wouldn't mean better city

services. "You want more money, but tell us we'll only get the same service we get now," said Kathy Poston.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said an audit done at the request of the aldermen early this year projected "that, if nothing changes, in 1997 the city will be \$1.5 million in the hole." He said the city must either raise more money, cut out services or face going broke.

Danny Poston said he believed it was unfair to raise taxes on residents by 60 percent while abating taxes for businesses. He asked, how much property tax the city has abated?

Nighohossian said the majority of the city is in a enterprise zone and, under the terms of the zone, increases in property tax that result from new or expanded business operations are abated for the first four years. He said that, at the moment, about \$2 million in property has not been added to the tax rolls.

Belkoff said large parts of that property are nearing the end of the four-year abatement period.

Nighohossian said the competition for new business and industry has grown very

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Merry Christmas — Santa Claus talks with a girl while giving her a present during the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce's Women's Division Christmas Party.

U.S. rent subsidies to be cut

The New Year could bring new hardships for elderly and disabled people who rely on federal rent subsidies to keep roofs over their heads.

A final decision has been handed down to cut rent subsidies for Section 8 tenants throughout Madison County by as much as \$63 a month Jan. 1.

Word of the decision was given by George Pruyn, acting chief of marketing and leasing in the Chicago regional office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

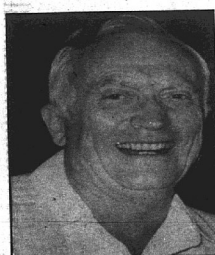
The Section 8 program helps more than 800 low-income individuals and families pay rent for private apartments and homes. The elderly and disabled are expected to bear the brunt of the cuts because the largest reduction in subsidies will hit those in one-bedroom apartments.

Most Section 8 clients are single mothers with children who live in three- or four-bedroom units. The remainder are elderly and disabled who tend to occupy one-bedroom units.

When the cuts were first proposed in August, some elderly area Section 8 tenants said they were afraid they would be forced to move into Alton housing projects, some of which have high crime rates and reputations for

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Hester feeds the movers, shakers



Charlie Hester

Balloons, buttons and bumper stickers all play a part in any successful political campaign but Charlie Hester dishes up what is often the most important ingredient: a good meal.

Hester, a 67-year-old Granite City restaurateur, has been feeding the movers and shakers in Madison County politics for more than three decades.

He is as well known in Democratic circles as many of the candidates and officeholders he feeds, and the interior of Charlie's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on Nameoki Road in Granite City is as familiar to many political insiders as the foyer of the Madison County Courthouse.

"He's a fixture around here, in both Madison and St. Clair (counties)," said Circuit Clerk

Matt Melucci. "I've had a few functions at his place and all I can say is good food."

After 35 years in the restaurant business, Hester says he has learned there is a strict hierarchy to the type of fare served at political fund-raisers.

"If you've got a candidate who's running for what you might call a minor office, they'll have cheese and crackers and draft beer," he said. "Up another notch and it's meatballs and red sauce. A step higher and they're having steaks, and for the people you might call the movers and shakers I've seen some of them go with steak and seafood combos. That's the top of the line."

Hester has earned his reputation catering events for former U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon,

former state Treasurer Jerry Cosentino, gubernatorial candidate Neil Hartigan, County Board Chair man and old high school pal Nelson Hagauer and almost every other Democratic candidate who ever sought county or city office in the last 30 years.

Hester catered Hagauer's annual birthday bash and campaign fund-raiser earlier this month at the St. Gregory Armenian Community Center in Granite City. More than 700 people attended.

His involvement in Democratic politics doesn't end with the mostaccioli and garlic bread. Hester is a commissioner on the Madison County Housing Authority Board and was a delegate to five Democratic national

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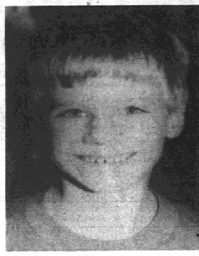
THE VOICE BOX:

How does Santa Claus know when you are naughty or nice?

By Pam Doeppke-Hurd



Olivia Antognoli Parkview School, second grade
"Santa Claus knows when I'm naughty or nice because he has little elves that watch you. We think they are other kids. They are tricky elves. So be careful when you do bad things."



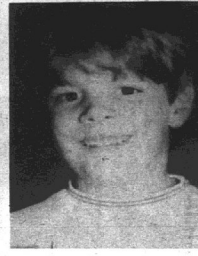
Robin Kerber Parkview School, second grade
"Santa Claus knows when I'm naughty or nice because he has glasses that make him see me."



Brittany Pinnon Parkview School, second grade
"Santa Claus knows when children are naughty or nice. When children go to school parents sneak out and visit Santa. They tell Santa the bad things kids do."



Nathan Whitt Parkview School, second grade
"Santa Claus knows when I'm naughty or nice because he has a magic camera. This camera videos everything that happens in the world."



Mark Billich Parkview School, second grade
"Santa watches you because he stays up late."

Former attorney facing new drug charges

A former Wood River attorney, who has turned in his law license after several run-ins with police this year, is back in jail on new drug charges.

Gerald Bassett, 41, who was acquitted of drug possession earlier this year, was arrested in the Madison County Courthouse Monday on charges of cocaine possession, Valium possession, possession of a hypodermic syringe and driving under the influence of drugs.

The charges stem from a drunken driving arrest Oct. 15 after Bassett hit another vehicle near Alton Square after he ran a red light. He told Alton police his brakes failed.

Bassett, who gave an address in the 200 block of South Center Street, East Alton, was charged in a four-count grand jury indictment Nov. 4, which was suppressed until his arrest. He was being held in the Madison County Jail Monday in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

Bassett was at the courthouse earlier Monday with his father, Wood River attorney Merle Bassett, for a hearing on his request to have the suspension of his driver's license dismissed.

His driver's license was suspended for six months, beginning Dec. 1, because he refused to submit to a breath-analysis or a blood-and-urine test when he was arrested on the DUI charge. Bassett claims Alton police failed to notify him of the mandatory summary suspension if he refused.

Hoffman cited by magazine

A recent report by "Illinois Politics" magazine stated that State Rep. Jay C. Hoffman, D-Collinsville, is ranked the eighth most effective state representative out of a field of 118. "This ranking reflects the hard work put in not only by me, but also by my district office staff, local officials, and other area legislators who have helped me push my legislation," Hoffman said. "We had many important issues to pursue this session, and I am happy we were so successful."

The results also showed Hoffman placed second in having the most bills signed into law. The only person to have more bills signed into law was Barbara Currie, D-Chicago, an assistant majority leader with more than 12 years of seniority over Hoffman.

"I have worked very hard this session and this report shows the results of this hard work," Hoffman said. "But my work is far from completed."

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During testimony at the hearing, Bassett said he had turned over his law license and is no longer a practicing attorney shortly after the accident to obtain the blood samples, and the indictment was handed up after the results were presented to the grand jury.

Bassett is accused of having less than 15 grams of cocaine and 15 grams of Valium in his possession at the time of his October arrest.

Christian County Judge Ronald Spears, who has been assigned to hear the case, said he will rule on Bassett's driver's license suspension after reviewing the case.

Bassett was cited for driving without insurance, improper passing on shoulder, disobeying a traffic control device, having faulty brakes and driving with a suspended license after the accident.

Bassett is also facing felony drug charges in Montgomery County. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance Oct. 21 after police found less than 15 grams of suspected cocaine in his vehicle while he was visiting a client in the Montgomery County Jail in Hillsboro. He was released on his own recognizance.

In June, Bassett was acquitted of unlawful possession of heroin and a hypodermic needle after representing himself before a Madison County jury. He told jurors that he had used heroin and cocaine several hours before he was arrested Feb. 13 but the drugs and syringes police found in his car were left by friends who had borrowed the auto.

He also told jurors he was in a substance abuse treatment program and had given up drugs. After the Oct. 15 accident, Alton Officer Dan Cook found Bassett at a nearby restaurant using the telephone. Cook said a bottle of cocaine and a hypodermic syringe were found in

Bassett's car and a Valium was in his pocket. Bassett, who was questioned on the stand by his father, said the Valium was a prescription he was taking for back injuries.

On cross-examination by Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Brian Polinske, Bassett said he had no knowledge of the methadone or syringe in his vehicle.

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The Red Cross has issued an urgent appeal for blood donors, particularly those with Type O.

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Christmas choir — Fifth grade students from Holy Family School in Granite City sang Christmas carols at the tree-lighting ceremony at Granite City's City Hall Dec. 18.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

No conflict on engineer duties

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Juneau and Associates will not necessarily have a conflict of interest if Granite City hires the engineering firm to design community development projects, City Attorney Leo Konzen says.

The engineering firm is under contract with the city to perform routine engineering tasks which were once performed by a public works director.

It now has been recommended to do design and engineering work associated with the city's

community development project in West Granite.

"... A conflict of interest is not created by the selection of Juneau and Associates as the engineer for community development projects, so long as Juneau and Associates did not participate in the decision of designating a community development project engineer for the city," the opinion states.

The opinion was sought by Alderman Craig Tarpoff at the Dec. 7 City Council meeting.

The only time a conflict would exist would be if the engineering

firm would be asked to review the quality of its own work, Konzen said.

He said that he talked to representatives of Madison County Community Development, who told him that community development rules do not require a supervising or oversight engineer or independent review of work performed.

"Such would be duplicative," Konzen said.

He said that MCCD representatives told him such a review is seldom performed.

In the event a review is required, Konzen said, the city would have to seek advice from an engineer other than Juneau and Associates, he said.

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Petition drive gets reprieve

Madison County officials struggling to keep the gasping health department petition drive alive will get a little extra breathing room.

The deadline for filing petitions to put the department question to voters in March has been extended to Monday, said County Board member Bob Stille of Edwardsville, chairman of the Health Institutions Committee.

The original deadline was 5 p.m. Wednesday, but supporters were several thousand signatures short of the 11,500 needed to get the issue on the ballot.

"It doesn't look too good," Stille said.

The Wednesday deadline was imposed by county officials involved in the drive. State law, however, gives supporters until Monday to file proposed referendums with the County Clerk.

"That was a date we set for ourselves so we would have time to tally the signatures and see where we stood. But with the way it's going now, we're going to go ahead and work up until the 27th," Stille said Wednesday.

Most of the civic groups and associations enlisted to circulate petitions had turned them in by Wednesday evening, but the effort fell more than 5,000 signatures short, officials said.

The Christmas weekend is expected to make gathering additional signatures difficult.

If the petition drive is unsuccessful, Stille said the next step may be to consider hiring a restaurant inspector.

Restaurant inspections are one of the main functions of county health departments. Madison County, which is the largest county in the state without a

health department, has no restaurant inspectors.

Once officials have a complete list of restaurants and other food establishments in the county, the board can discuss hiring an inspector.

Those discussions, however, will have to wait until January or February at the earliest because of the time needed to draw up the list, Stille said.

There are more than 1,000 restaurants and other food establishments in the county but no central list of all of them.

"We've been working on that all along, tracking down the names and addresses and owners of every restaurant in the county so we know who and what we're dealing with," Stille said.

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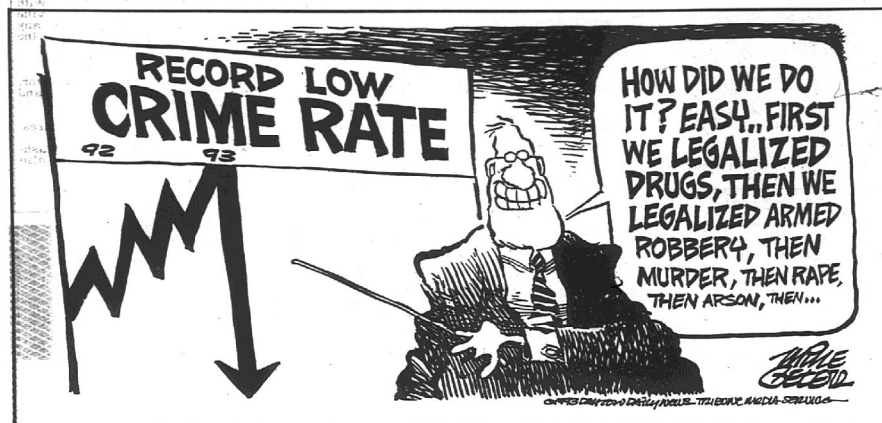
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Disappointed by closing of center

TO THE EDITOR:
On Nov. 29, the teachers and caregivers of Happy Day Child-care Center received notice that the First Assembly of God Church would be closing them down permanently, Dec. 30.

The reason cited was funds. Obviously, we parents were very upset to see this fine institution close. It has been operating as a non-profit organization for 28 years. Some of us attended Happy Day as children.

We felt, if the problem was a lack of funds, maybe we could work with the church to overcome this problem. We placed many calls, circulated petitions, discussed fund raisers, etc.

As a result of the clamor, a meeting of the Church Board was held. We were told they needed to generate \$24,000 to get out of debt.

Pastor Leonard and the Board said that, if the parents would agree to a fee increase, they would remain open.

We were jubilant! Instead of looking for a new daycare, we set to work to get the word out to everyone. We took these men of God at their word.

Every parent of the 80-odd children attending signed, save one who couldn't make it in due to illness but was in agreement nonetheless.

After the Board met again, we were told they were closing anyway. We believe now that they never intended to reverse their decision.

We believe they grossly underestimated the support we feel for this daycare and its staff. We were deceived, as were the director and staff of Happy Day, whom we know to be good people.

When church leaders such as these do not keep their word, what message does this send to the people of the community and the 40 children of Happy Day whose excellent teachers have always taught them to be honest?

These teachers are without jobs this Christmas, and these children and we parents want to know why.

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ing them an older cat or dog for Christmas?
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Low-interest home loans going fast

State-backed program offers mortgages at 5.99 percent

First-time home buyers shouldn't wait to cash in on a state-backed low-interest mortgage program.

Applicants are beating down the doors of some financial institutions, seeking the 5.99 percent, 30-year home loans that require a 5 percent down payment but no points to cover loan origination fees.

"Registration for the loans has been hot and heavy," said Ray Burton, loan officer with Delmar Financial Co. in Belleville. "I wouldn't wait until the first of the year (to apply)."

Delmar is one of several financial institutions participating in the program for area residents. Security Financial in Collinsville is the only local institution in the program.

The \$40 million loan pool is available now, said Tom Laue, spokesman for the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Through Wednesday, about 100 loan applications had been filed for about \$5 million since the program began Dec. 2, he said.

"It's going at a good clip, although not as heavily as earlier programs," Laue said. "It's a smaller amount than normally is available. In years past, we've had programs as large as \$200 million, and the money lasted four to six weeks."

It may be hard for people to fit home buying into busy holiday schedules, but the low-interest program does not add any hassles.

"All it is is conventional financing with 5 percent down," Burton of Delmar Financial said. "There are no special rules."

Anyone who has owned a house in the last three years cannot apply and there are income limits.

The 5.99 percent rate is more than a point below the conventional 30-year rate being charged by most financial institutions. A \$50,000 mortgage under the program would save a borrower hundreds of

dollars a year.

Loan applicants must have a contract to buy a house. "There's no way to lock in and then go find a house," Laue said.

Home buyers should not write off the loan program if they are still weeks away from reaching a deal on a home, Laue said. "I always tell people even if it appears the money is running low or short, don't let that stop you (from applying)," he said. "There's a certain percentage of approved solid loans that fall out and that frees up some money."

The Housing Development Authority's bond issue is the first in two years, because federal law giving states the authority to issue tax-free bonds was changed in 1992. States now have permanent authority to issue the bonds to raise the money for loans.

Participating institutions include: Security Financial in Collinsville; First Financial in Alton and Glen Carbon; Highland Savings and Loan; Delmar Financial in Belleville; Central Bank in Fairview Heights; First Bank in O'Fallon;

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The following items should be checked:

- ✓ Check your battery, cable connections and all belts.
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- ✓ Change oil to recommended winter weight.
- ✓ Put on snow tires, check tread and sidewall condition of tires. Check for recommended tire pressure.
- ✓ Check all lights, turn signals, brake lights, emergency flashers. During inclement weather use them not only to see, but also to be seen.
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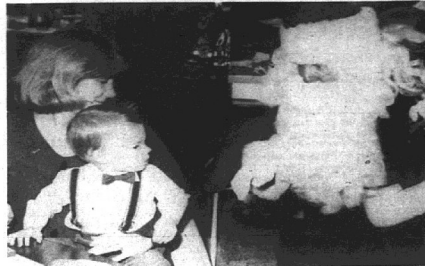
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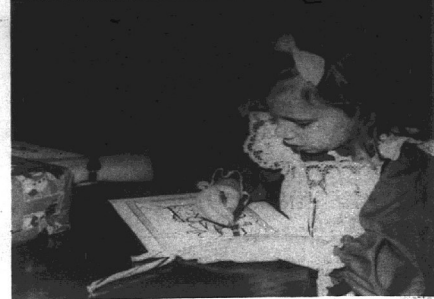
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Frank's half-off Christmas sale has been a yearly event for some time, and there are savings galore. There's no better time to stock up for next Christmas!

Now that Christmas is over, pet owners can focus more attention on their four-legged friends. If you have an indoor cat, here's a little project you may want to consider.

Many cat owners are faced with the problem of where to put the litter pan. If your home has a basement, you'd probably like kitty's facility kept down there. But that means keeping the door leading to the stairs open, which may not be feasible.

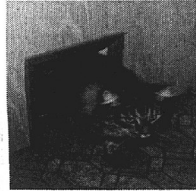
A great solution is to cut a small opening in the bottom of the door. You can keep the litter pan down in the basement and the cat can have access to it any time, day or night. You don't need an elaborate dog door with weatherproof flaps, either. A simple hole cut in the door will suffice. The opening in the photo is 6 1/2" x 9", big enough for the average feline to pass through with ease.

Naturally, there is one drawback. If you ever decide to sell your house, the door will have to be replaced. Consider the price of a new interior door, how long you plan to stay in your home, and how bad you want the litter in the basement. If the convenience will offset the price of the door, go for it! Renting the house? The landlord may not want the door tampered with, so get permission first.

You don't have to have a great deal of carpentry talent to make the opening. But some skill helps. Interior doors are quite easy to cut, since most of them are hollow. To do a really neat job, you can install wood moulding on the door's outside surface and thin wood trim to cover the hollowed out portion. Plus, moulding will eliminate rough edges that may injure the cat.

Gluing the moulding is easier than nailing, if your door's hollow.

Don't worry about teaching kitty to use the opening. Simple curiosity after seeing it for the first time is enough. After a brief examination, he'll thoroughly enjoy this newfound adventure and use the opening regularly.



This cat likes the new passageway, permitting access to the basement and an out-of-the-way litter pan.

Now... it's a bit late for this question, but it will help next year. Has anybody out there come up with a good way to keep cats out of Christmas trees? If you have, there are probably countless cat owners who'd love to hear it. And so would we!

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Christmas the same yet different

By Karla Frost
 Pastor, First Congregational United Church of Christ
 "Dups" Each Christmas is the same yet different. "How can this be?"

Yes, the nativity story is the same, coming from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, announcing the birth of the Messiah. The familiar songs are still sung by choirs and congregations hummed when the words are in thoughts. Traditional decorations and foods prepared by loving hands. Special gifts are still for and exchanged with joy. And even if we could what we've always done, memories keep alive the sameness of Christmas.

So then, how can it be the same yet different? The answer lies in the response to Christmas. We do with the truth and dwelling with us. Do close the Bible until the angels and begin. Throw away the wrap and cards? Do we return living as if nothing had happened, as if we had not heard the Spirit's voice? The true meaning of Christmas reaches deep into our life is not the same. It changed because we changed.

Each Christmas offers a gift of hope. When we receive this gift, we receive something better than describe — sometimes, this special gift takes the sameness of each Christmas life different for

Holiday h pleases p

A time for celebration for feasting — the time for both, and a gesture is Polish ham. It comes ready to go from the can or prepared in any number of ways. We suggest a Christmas Ham as a gift.

Cherry Glaze

- 1-5 lb. corned Polish ham
- 2 lb. brown sugar
- Ground cloves — a pinch
- Cayenne — a pinch
- Whole cloves
- (8 oz) whole cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup fresh whole cranberry juice
- 1/2 cup cherry jelly
- 1 cup Danish Cherry

Scrape all jelly from ham with whole clove simple frame for top and in the center of the Christmas Tree (filled in and decorated is baked).

Bake ham in a 400° for 1 hour. Combine cloves, cayenne, wine, the cherry jelly and frequently with this mixture. After ham has 1 hour spread remaining, remove over top; bake more to glaze.

Remove ham to platter and fill in tree design. Garnish with whole cranberry and orange halves with centers.

Lung Assoc seeks volu

Volunteers are needed for the American Lung Association's new smoking education program for second-, fourth- and eighth graders. Candidates must be willing to attend a session to learn how to be a live presenter. For more information, contact your American Lung Association at 622-6585.

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something better than words can
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Holiday ham pleases palate

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Cherry Glazed Ham

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- 2 lbs brown sugar
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- Cayenne — a pinch
- Whole cloves
- (8 oz) whole cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup fresh whole cranberries
- 1/2 cup cherry jelly
- 1 cup Danish Cherry Kijafa wine

Scrape all jelly from ham. Stud
ham with whole cloves; design a
simple frame for top of ham with
cloves and in the center to create
the Christmas Tree (tree is to be
filled in and decorated after ham
is baked).
Bake ham in a 400 degree oven
for 1 hour. Combine sugar, ham
cloves, cayenne, wine and half of
the cherry jelly and heat. Baste
frequently with this mixture.
After ham has baked for 1
hour, spread remaining jelly mix-
ture over top; bake 15 minutes
more to glaze.
Remove ham to serving platter and
fill in tree design with jelly.
Garnish with whole cranberries.
Serving suggestion: Serve on
bed of chicory and garnish with
orange halves with cranberry
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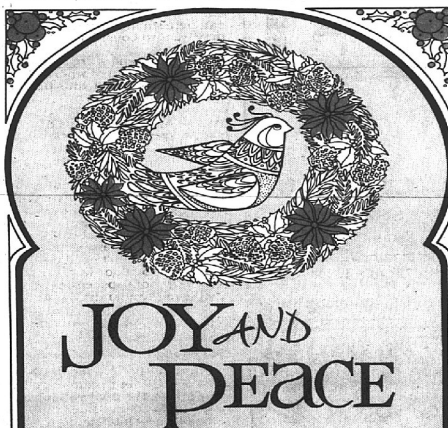
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Directions:

1. Use full length of ribbon to make a large multi-loop bow and attach it to top of wreath.
2. Cut a 12" piece of yellow ribbon for each replacement bulb. Apply a small amount of glue to center of each piece of ribbon and glue into branches of wreath. Place a bulb in center of each ribbon and tie on with a bow. (Refer to photo for placement suggestion)
3. Hang dough ornaments on wreath as desired.

Information for this craft idea is provided by Michaels.



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id heartbeat, muscle tremors,

coma or death in dogs.
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intestinal system.
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Christmas special time for Congressman Jerry Costello

By Kelly Kribben
Staff writer

Family togetherness is something U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, cherishes, especially during the holidays. "Christmas is a special time for us," Costello said. "Especially since I'm gone in Washington, D.C. for most of the year."

Unlike most congressmen, Costello didn't move his family to Washington after taking office. Consequently, he is away from them a lot during the year. "My family stays here and I commute," he said.

In fact, his whole family lives on the east side of Belleville, "about five minutes from each other," Costello said.

Being the youngest of six children and having three children and two grandchildren of his own, Costello has a large family.

"We're close. When I'm free, they are usually at my house. And I have another grandchild on the way," he added with a big smile.

Costello's eldest son, Jerry II, and his wife, Lori, just found out that they'll be having another baby. Costello said he's hoping for a girl this time since he

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already has two grandsons. That means another mouth will be fed on Sundays when the family gathers at the Costello house for a big dinner. It's a day to share quality time with the busy congressman.

"Sundays we try to set aside for the family," Costello said. "That's usually the day I can make it home."

It's also the time the Costellos put up their Christmas tree. "We have special ornaments we decorate the tree with," Costello said.

Since the deaths of his father in 1981, his father-in-law in 1989, and his older brother, Joe, in 1991, Costello and his family have made special Christmas ornaments to remember each of them by.

They kept ribbons from each floral arrangement at the funerals to make the ornaments. "It's just another way to remember those who aren't with us," Costello said.

Another Costello tradition lies

in the annual Christmas card and family photo they've sent for the past 10 years.

"We think it's so much more personalized," Costello said. "Everybody can see what we are doing that way."

The cards go to family, friends and business associates all over the congressional district (from Alton to Cairo) because his wife, Georgia, grew up and worked as a school teacher in Herrin. Costello grew up and worked in St. Clair County.

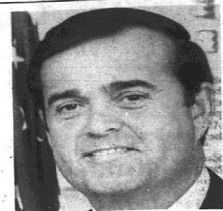
A card also goes each year to a service station the Costellos have used for about 25 years for gas and repairs for their vehicles.

"It's really neat because they have hung the cards up every

year. You can go in there and see the changes in my family from year to year," he said.

Other than that, the congressman's Christmas celebration isn't any different from other family in Belleville.

"We hold an open house all day on Christmas," Costello said. "It's a special time for us. We (he and Georgia) have a lot to be thankful for in our family."



Costello

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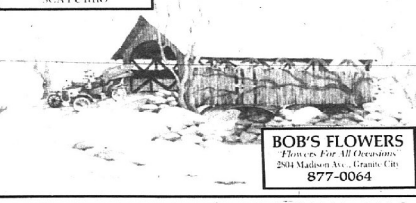
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Susan Arnsman, clinician Eating Disorders Program, behavioral medicine at School of Medicine, of break the binge cycle healthy holiday. They recommendations from Association of Anorexia Associated Disorders.

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Break the holiday cycle

Don't let the season's pressures overwhelm you

This time of year can be a challenge for even the strongest person. The pressure to be happy, please others and make everything perfect can be draining. Some people cope by overeating or binge eating. Afterward, they beat themselves up for being weak.

Susan Arnsman, clinical therapist with the Eating Disorders Program in the division of behavioral medicine at St. Louis University School of Medicine, offers a few tips on how to break the binge cycle and work toward a healthy holiday. They are based on recommendations from the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.

Be realistic. Realize that you are not perfect, nor is anyone else. You can't be expected to choose the perfect gift or eat exactly what your grandmother expects you to eat. You will do your best and that's more than enough.

Take responsibility. Recognize that you can't control others' feelings and actions, but you do have some amount of control over yourself. If your holidays were less than happy in the past, think of ways to change them. Use your creativity to think of something new you and your family can

If your holidays were less than happy in the past, think of ways to change them. Use your creativity to think of something new you and your family can enjoy.

— Susan Arnsman
Therapist

enjoy. Go to a hockey game or to the zoo.

Think positively. Believe you are going to have a good time. Believing has a lot to do with actualizing. Take time out to imagine yourself having a good time before you meet with family or friends. In this way, you can "program" yourself to have fun.

Be prepared to say "no." Be aware that some aunts, uncles, mothers or friends won't feel it's a holiday if you're not eating their home-baked pie or their special dressing. Prepare yourself by rehearsing ways to refuse sweets or other foods you know may be uncomfortable to have. Practice by using the old stand-by, "No, thank you."

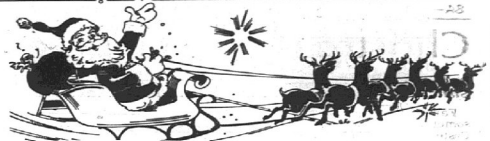
If a person insists, you can repeat "no" over and over again in a low calm voice. Or, if a person keeps insisting, tell them you

have an eating disorder.

Prepare your family. Before your holiday meal, not during it, tell your family not to pressure you to eat. Explain why. You may be surprised how much they appreciate your honesty.

Be flexible. Don't let yourself be ruled by absolute ideas about food. Instead of saying "I'll never eat that," tell yourself you can have a little. "Nevers" and "shoulds" are loaded with guilt.

Reward yourself for any progress in breaking the cycle. Take a walk, buy yourself a small gift or take a long bath. Learn to forgive yourself. Beating yourself up for failing will only make you feel worse and may set up another binge. Tell yourself it's natural to make mistakes and spare your self-esteem.



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Charles You

Charles A. Youngs, 68, formerly of Granite City, died at 11:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1993, at a hospital after a short illness. He was born Nov. 15, 1925, in Marterville, Mich., and came to Granite City for more than 15 years prior to moving here in 1988.

Mr. Youngs was a maker for numerous shops for 40 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Medtrinahus United Church, Granite City; Triple Lodge 888; Grand Lodge 888; Order of the Eastern Star; and the Shrine of the Fish Rites Bodies, Valerius Shrine of the Fish Rites Bodies, Valerius Shrine of the Fish Rites Bodies, Valerius Shrine of the Fish Rites Bodies.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Youngs; two daughters, Denise and Linda; and one son, Charles Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mary (Wolfert) Youngs.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. today at Werner Chaplain, 3939 Lake Drive, where a Mass will be held at 7 p.m. All services will be held Monday at Werner Chaplain. Rev. Bruce Rushing will officiate. Burial will be at Lakeview Gardens, Belleville.

Clarence H

Clarence A. Hoffman, 71, of Granite City, died at 11:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, at a hospital after a short illness. He was born Dec. 15, 1922, in Granite City, where he lived his entire life.

He was a die maker for Vaco Paper Co. for 35 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, Granite City, and a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hoffman; two daughters, Tom and Clara; and one son, Hoffman of Morgantown, Pa. He is survived by his daughters, Chris and Mary.

•Street

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Hank's filled the street with a Wednesday morning. Residents who claimed about the dog they say that the dog tracked all over the hood, including the homes — have been Hank's insurance. Juneau said.

Juneau said a number of years — including the time of year that the dog — could have been to the Dec. 3 problem. A sample of the dog's Springfield laboratory. But no detection has been made about the incident.

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After a stint as a World War II, he Army and headed

Obituaries

le Hankins, both of Granite City; seven brothers, Len and Henry Hoffman, both of Edwardsville, Charles, Elmer and Bill Hoffman, all of Ocala, Fla. and Raymond and Leroy Hoffman, both of Houston; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy A. Hoffman, who died April 21, 1989; his parents, Christian and Minnie (Moss) Hoffman; two brothers, Walter Hoffman and one in infancy; and two sisters, Kathryn Westbrook and one in infancy.

Services were held Friday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Michael Hart. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

Charles Youngs

Charles A. Youngs, 81, of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died at 11:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993, at Cape Coral Hospital after a short illness.

He was born Nov. 7, 1912, in Martonville, Mich., and resided in Granite City for more than 30 years prior to moving to Cape Coral in 1988.

Mr. Youngs was a tool and die maker for numerous machine shops for 48 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of Netherlinhaus United Methodist Church, Granite City; Masonic Triple Lodge 885, Granite Chapter 650, Order of the Eastern Star; Gabriel Shrine 78, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; Scottish Rites Division, Valley of Southern Illinois; Ainal Shrine Temple; and the Machine Union, in which he was a member for 43 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dora (Summers) Youngs, whom he married in 1942; one son, Ronald Youngs of Mount Carmel, Ill.; two daughters, Dena Bateil of Wadsworth, Ill., and Janet Youngs of New York; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Cornelia (Wolfe) Youngs.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Werner Chapel for Funeral, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where a Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. today. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Clarence Hoffman

Clarence A. Hoffman, 72, of Granite City, died at 7:46 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1993, at his residence. He was born Dec. 5, 1921, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

He was a die maker at West Vaco Paper Co., St. Louis, for 20 years prior to his retirement in 1972; a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Granite City; and a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include four sons, Tom, Dave and Clarence C. Hoffman, all of Granite City, and Tony Hoffman of Morgantown, Ky.; two daughters, Chris Martin and Cook-

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Juneau said a number of factors — including the oil mix, the time of year that the job was done or the use of Meramec gravel — could have contributed to the Dec. 3 problem.

A sample of the oil was sent to a Springfield laboratory for evaluation. But no determination has been made about the cause of the incident.

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Hester

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The first one in Miami was the most interesting. There was even an element of mystery there from the yuppies and hippies to Vietnam vets. I've never seen another one like it. The rest have all been very dry in comparison," Hester said, though he maintains New York City is the liveliest convention city of them all.

The restaurant business is a trade Hester learned from the bottom up, starting out as a car hop and working at sandwich shops after high school.

"I haven't had any formal training like culinary school or anything," said Hester, who still does most of the cooking at his restaurant. "I learned at the school of hard knocks, so to speak."

After a stint as a Navy flier in World War II, he joined the Army and headed for Korea

Madison

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competitive as cities across the country try to bring in new development and that a four-year abatement is "next to nothing" compared to what other communities are offering.

Madison has a history of taking extraordinary steps to keep property taxes down. Nighthossian said, starting with the Chain of Rocks toll bridge and running through the sale of the cable television system. He said the city has always had the lowest rate in the area and the proposed increase would bring it into line with Venice and Granite City.

Nighthossian said the city used the income from the bridge to keep taxes down and later used the reserve fund from the bridge to build the industrial park.

"Unfortunately, the city council then — no one currently on the city council was a member when it strapped the city with a 40-year agreement where the industries paid rent for the first 20 years, but the next 20 years are rent-free," Nighthossian said. "We are a couple years into second 20 years and all we get is the property tax."

The city used the proceeds for the sale of the cable television system to keep property taxes down for several years, Nighthossian said, and has looked at selling off property in the industrial park as well.

"But property encumbered with a 20-year rent-free lease isn't worth very much," Nighthossian said.

Several residents asked why the property tax increase isn't put on the ballot for the voters to decide.

Bill Papa thanked Belloff for the school district's bold issue on the ballot in November and asked why Belloff wasn't making the same effort to let the voters decide whether to increase the city's taxes.

Nighthossian said property tax levies cannot be decided by referendum and are established every year by the City Council.

"You elect the aldermen to represent you and make those decisions," Nighthossian said. "If the aldermen are not following your directions when they make those decisions, you can replace them every four years."

A number of residents said that the city's property tax levies meant they could not sell their homes if they wanted, but their property taxes were going up every year.

Nighthossian said it was important to remember that the city is not the only taxing body in the county. School district, township and other taxing bodies also levy property taxes. He said the

city's portion of the property tax hasn't increased by "more than a couple of percentage points" in the past 20 or 30 years.

He said it is a buyers' market now for real estate in southwestern Madison County because people want to move out, not move in.

"People are moving to Collinsville, Edwardsville or Alton, not here," Nighthossian said. "And people here who want to move from here end up selling their houses for whatever they can get."

At least a half-dozen residents wanted to know why the city isn't getting more state and federal grants and wondered why the city hasn't filed more applications.

Belloff said the city is currently looking to apply for more grants. But he said the state and federal governments are also having money problems and grants are not that easy to get. He said even the federal Community Development Block Grants, which the city has used successfully in the past, have been limited.

He said that after the "beating" he took in an area newspaper, he almost wished he had not accepted a \$50,000 grant to remove architectural barriers at city hall to bring the city into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

The grant, the first phase of the ADA project, was used to make the restrooms in the building handicapped accessible, but the second phase — installing an elevator — was subsequently turned down by Community Development leaving accessible restrooms in an inaccessible building.

"After reading in the paper what a monster I am, I almost wish we had turned down the grant," Belloff said.

Nighthossian said one problem with accepting grants is that they often only cover initial funding.

"You can get a grant to hire people and the grant will pay for one year, but after that you have to pay for it with the funds on your own," Nighthossian said. "You have to be careful that when you accept a grant you are not committing the city to something it can't afford in the future."

Harrington asked how many of the aldermen didn't own property in Madison and asked how many wouldn't be affected by the tax increase.

Alderman Ed Newsome said he did not own property in the city. The remainder of the aldermen did not answer one way or the other, but all are listed as homeowners on tax rolls.

Real estate transactions

The following real estate transactions were recorded Dec. 6-10 at the Madison County Courthouse:

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2676 Hwy. 3	\$20,000
4717 Wacker	\$29,000
4932 Willow	\$26,000
2404 Angela	\$26,000
1 Paul Lincoln	\$29,500
5 Bradley	\$21,000
819 Catalpa	\$29,000
4105 Lincoln	\$39,000
2329 Clark	\$69,000
2012 Garfield	\$83,500
2238 Illinois	\$5,000

110 Lenox	\$54,000
1923 Madison	\$39,000
2630 Mathew Ct.	\$93,500
1737 Spring	\$121,400
2857 Washington	\$47,500
1604 Bremen	\$45,000
4077 Bruen	\$40,000
516 Fleming	\$64,000
2705 Idaho	\$41,000
2430 Lincoln	\$32,000
709 Niedringhaus	\$15,000
Madison	
1722 4th	\$31,000
Pontoon Beach	
4057 Oakmont	\$34,000

State honored for DUI action

Gov. Jim Edgar and Beckie Brown, national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), announced that Illinois has received the highest rating among the 50 states in the battle against drunk driving.

"Over the past 12 years, Illinois has made dramatic progress in the fight against drunk driving. We have gone from having one of the worst laws in the country to having the most effective program in the nation to deter and combat drunk drivers," said Brown.

"It is important that thousands of lives have been saved and countless injuries prevented due to this effort," she said.

The 1993 "Rating the States" survey, conducted by MADD and the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, examined each state's efforts to combat drunk driving.

Illinois received an average rating of "A-," the highest in the country, compared to a national average of "B."

"MADD-Illinois is encouraged by the rating in our state," said Gary Kenner, executive director of the Illinois State MADD.

"I wouldn't have it any other way. You make a lot of friends in this business who stay with you for life. The thing is, you don't take it all to the bank. The best part about it is how personally satisfied you are. It is to know someone enjoyed themselves at your table."

From the Alton Telegraph

The Great Flood of '93

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Rent

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violence. They said those complexes could be the only refuge for some tenants forced out of their apartments because they are the only projects in the northern part of Madison County with large numbers of vacancies.

"Subsidies to tenants in efficiency apartments will decrease by \$66, from \$351 to \$285."

For three- and four-bedroom units, the cuts will range between \$19 and \$30 a month, according to HUD figures.

Officials in HUD's Economics and Market Analysis Division, who decide the levels of rent subsidies, have refused to discuss the changes.

Section 8 rents may seem high compared with what many people pay, housing officials said, but the higher rates are the result of both the shortage of rental units in northern Madison County and the relatively small number of landlords willing to accept Section 8 tenants.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Milestones

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Wallace V. Weidner will celebrate his 75th birthday Dec. 28.

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Section B



2 courageous friends caught some reflections

The meteorologist's chance of snow at Christmas? So what?

WHEN YOU HAVE long past childhood, beauty exists everywhere in your mind. You can family get-together, a carol or church service create snow or pleasant moments all you want. That's the beauty of holidays. And while the sentiment of a moment, your father, "Think of me when you're home." "Noel," you too can sentimental.

No wonder why I restaurant the other looked at a photo of a man in a St. Louis baseball uniform and how lucky I am.

As an English teacher, coincidence of coincidence Huxley's Brave New World too difficult to ignore. The character explains why not fit into a change. He says: "I don't comfort, I want the grow old and ugly, I have too little to eat to be lousy; the right constant apprehension might happen tomorrow."

THE DISCOMFORT is a recognizable part of the photo of Richard Bellville, currently Blue Jays special scout, allows me to Feb. 1, when he will at the annual St. Louis Writers' dinner.

Coincidence again as I think of the new owner, Jack English Hacker, who struggled suffering a stomachache on Nov. 23 also served example.

For Hacker, 48, the break during the 1993 league season brought unexpected.

ONLY HIS enduring much rehabilitation him to overcome physical woes, including a described as "trauma." Hospitalized for months, he still waits return to Toronto to the first pitch of the American League Series and then at Series won by the For English, Nov supposed to be an I would celebrate good fortune of my Beth signing a basic of intent with St. L. Slowed by stomach evening, Jack was Tom (one of his for Memorial Hospital the quick action of personnel and their nurses during six surgery kept alive referred to as "The West End."

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2 courageous friends cause some reflection

The meteorologist said a slight chance of snow at Christmas. So what?

WHEN YOU HAVE moved long past childhood, snow's beauty exists every Christmas — in your mind. You can recall a family get-together, a Christmas carol or church services, and create snow or pleasant moments all you want. That's the beauty of the holidays. And while you recall the sentiment of a man named Elmer, your father, who said, "Think of me when they sing 'Noel,'" you too can get sentimental.

No wonder why I sat at a restaurant the other night, looked at a photo of a young man in a St. Louis Cardinals baseball uniform and realized how lucky I am.

As an English teacher, the coincidence of considering Huxley's *Brave New World* is too difficult to ignore. At one point in the novel, the main character explains why he does not fit into a changed world.

He says: "I don't want comfort, I want the right to grow old and ugly, the right to have too little to eat; the right to be lousy; the right to live in constant apprehension of what might happen tomorrow."

THE DISCOMFORT, you see, is a recognizable part of life, and the photo of Rich Hacker of Belleville, currently a Toronto Blue Jays special assignment scout, allows me to consider Feb. 1, when he will be saluted at the annual St. Louis Baseball Writers' dinner.

Coincidence again intervenes as I think of the restaurant owner, Jack English, a friend of Hacker, whose struggles after suffering a stomach aneurysm on Nov. 23 also serve as an example.

For Hacker, 48, the all-star break during the 1993 major league season brought the unexpected.

On July 11, after flying into Lambert Field in St. Louis, Rich was driving home to his wife Kathryn and three children in a rented van when he was struck head-on shortly after beginning to cross the Martin Luther King Bridge.

The car that struck Hacker's van was involved in a drag race at the time, and the collision was so great that Rich was not only left in a coma with his face smashed, but with his right ankle mangled.

ONLY HIS endurance through much rehabilitation has allowed him to overcome much of his physical woes, including what was described as "brain trauma."

Hospitalized for nearly two months, he still was able to return to Toronto to throw out the first pitch of Game 3 of the American League Championship Series and then attend the World Series won by the Jays.

For English, Nov. 16 was supposed to be an evening when I would celebrate with him the good fortune of my daughter Beth signing a basketball letter of intent with St. Louis U.

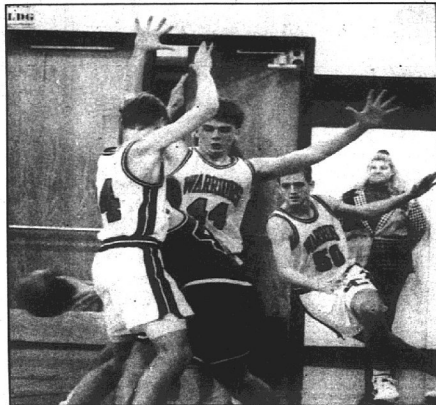
Slowed by stomach pain that evening, Jack was rushed by Tom (one of his four sons) to Memorial Hospital, where only the quick action of emergency personnel and then doctors and nurses during six hours of surgery kept alive the man referred to as "The Mayor of the West End."

LONG IN THE restaurant business in East St. Louis and Belleville, Jack has run English's at its current location (9735 West Main St.) since 1964. He also served six years on the St. Clair County Board.

"No one knows how many friends he has, how many people he has helped," Dave Roche said of English, 72, whose patrons often include sports, media and political figures.

Taken off the critical list just recently, English makes me wonder if I'd have the courage he and Hacker have displayed in the face of adversity.

During the holiday season, I will think of them, and again feel fortunate to understand the meaning of Peace on Earth.



(Staff photo by PAM DÖPKE-HURD) Warrior seniors Jason Black (left) and Rob Wallace (center) will lead the Warriors into this week's Collinsville Holiday Classic.

Caswell, top-seeded Lincoln head of class at Collinsville

Tigers shooting for another Classic title run

By David Wilhelm
Staff writer

From 1986-89, the East St. Louis Lincoln Tigers were a regular visitor to the championship game of the Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic. But during those four seasons, coach Bennie Lewis' club came away with just one title — 1988, when it defeated the host Kahoks 78-58.

Now, after a three-year absence from center stage, the top-seeded Tigers (6-1) are poised once again to make a Classic title run. And in 6-foot-7 senior Tyrone Caswell, they have the right player on their side.

BUT IT HASN'T been easy. Caswell's eligibility at Lincoln after transferring from cross-town East St. Louis High has been a matter of swirling legal debate since last summer. While yet another chapter in the saga

is unfolding (a hearing before a judge is scheduled for Dec. 29), Tigers' first seven games because of a restraining order obtained by his lawyer.

And what a factor he's been. Caswell, who led East St. Louis to a Southwestern Conference championship last season, is averaging 28 points and 16 rebounds per game. Caswell was at his dominant best on Dec. 17, when he scored 40 points and grabbed 22 rebounds in Lincoln's 97-58 pounding of Normandy (Mo.) High.

While Caswell is undoubtedly the Tigers' go-to guy, players like seniors Jamaal Horton, Devion Patterson and Lambert Moore, and junior August Hughes give Lincoln a complete package.

Despite possessing the height of an inside player, the 6-4 Hughes — averaging 12 points — is Lincoln's top threat from three-point range. The 5-11 Hor-

ton, meanwhile, is a superb playmaker who enters the Classic averaging 14 points and nine assists per game. Moore, who's 6-5, is averaging 10 rebounds a game, while the 6-3 Patterson provides steady play around the basket.

LINCOLN'S TOP reserves have been 6-2 senior Antoine Macon and 5-7 senior Mario Haddad.

If Lincoln falters, No. 2-seeded Quincy (6-2) and its rich tradition in The Classic — and, indeed, in the state — could become a factor. The Blue Devils won Classic championships in 1989 under former coach Jerry Leggett and in 1991 under current coach Loren Wallace. They eliminated East St. Louis Lincoln in the second round of The Classic last year on their way to third place.

Wallace's success in The Classic is unmatched. He guided the team to a 10-0 record in the tournament. (See CLASSIC, Page 48)

Balanced teams give tourney several contenders for title

By David Wilhelm
Staff writer

Handcapping the 10th annual Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic is not an easy task. While top-seeded East St. Louis Lincoln appears to have all it needs to win The Classic, as many as eight other teams could be contenders for the title.

"I THINK IT'S a more balanced field than what we've had in a long time," said Kahoks coach Bob Bone. "I think there's legitimately 10 teams that could win the tournament. The second-round games are just going to be outstanding."

Among the potential matchups on Wednesday, the second day of the tournament, are: Unbeaten

Springfield Southeast vs. No. 3 seed Peoria; Jacksonville or O'Fallon vs. No. 2 seed Quincy; and Lincoln vs. Edwardsville or Decatur. MacArthur. All are capable, experienced teams.

Collinsville (3-4) is seeded fourth. Their first game is at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday against Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin. The championship game is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Lincoln (6-1) is looking for its first Classic title since 1988, when Cuonzo Martin set a tournament record by scoring 118 points. The Tigers' first game is Tuesday at 4 p.m. against Triad (2-3).

The competition is what we're looking for," said Lincoln coach Loren Wallace. (See TOURNEY, Page 38)



(Staff photo by PAM DÖPKE-HURD) The Garland family, gathered before last week's match at Granite City (pictured, clockwise from left): Steve, Bob, Pat, Greg and Mike.

Family tradition

Wrestling success a lifetime reward for Garlands

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

When the Granite City and Belleville West wrestling teams take the mat these days, it's more than just a dual meet. It might as well be called a family reunion.

Granite City, coached by Mike Garland, took on Steve Garland's Belleville West squad Dec. 16. It marked the first time in several years that the two brothers coached against each other.

ADDED IN to the mix was their younger brother, Greg, Mike Garland's assistant. And for good measure, their parents: Bob and Pat Garland. Divided loyalties, years of memories and good-

natured brotherly competition were all forces at work during the meet, presenting a bit of a problem for Bob and Pat Garland. Which team would they root for?

Pat Garland might have had the best idea. She sported a sweatshirt that proclaimed support for Belleville West on one side and Granite City on the other.

When the meet ended, Granite City was on top, 47-17. But the coaches came together and did more than just shake hands.

"IT WAS LIKE a family get-together," Steve Garland said. "It was enjoyable."

But... (See GARLANDS, Page 38)

Mascoutah field loaded with area's best teams

Lady Warriors to play Nashville in tournament's first round

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

How tough is the field for the Mascoutah girls' basketball team?

The top four seeds — Centuria, Oakville, Jerseyville and Weslin — have a combined record of 31-2. But considering some of the teams that didn't make the top four:

- Belleville East (8-3).
- Granite City (6-2).
- Collinsville (6-2).
- Althoff (7-3).

"THERE ARE NO slouches in this tournament," Centuria coach Ann Murray said. "This is the best competition we'll face all year."

Centuria, the defending champion, went on to reach the Elite Eight in Class AA and finished with a 29-2 record. The Orphan Annie came to a 10-0 record into this year's tourney.

Lucia Maines, a standout on last year's team, has graduated and is playing at Kaskaskia College. But sisters Corinna

Maines (a 5-foot-8 senior) and Summer Maines (a 5-foot-10 junior) carry on the family tradition. A cousin, Tiffany Maines, is the first starter at guard.

Jodi Murray, a 9-9 senior and the coach's daughter, is a returning starter. The other starters are 5-8 senior Angi Kelly and 5-9 junior Jaimee Turner.

"We're pretty similar to last year's team, but the starters are not quite as quick," Murray said. "When we bring Tiffany in, we're as quick."

"WE'RE VERY GOOD outside shooters and average eight or nine three-pointers a game. We're shooting 40 percent from the three-point line."

Centuria faces Triad in a first-round game at 2 p.m. Monday. The Knights have improved their record to 4-4 after a 0-3 start, including a 67-59 win over Jerseyville on Dec. 18.

"We didn't start the season real sharp, either fundamentally or in terms of physical conditioning." (See MASCOUTAH, Page 38)

Devils to kick off Columbia tourney

Undefeated Gibault favored in 16-team field

By Jim Bradley
Staff writer

The Columbia-Freeburg Tournament is about to get under way.

Monday at 10 a.m., the first of 26 games over four days at the Columbia High School gym will tip off when Venice plays Valmeyer.

THIS YEAR'S tournament will again feature some of the best Class A boys basketball teams in the area. Nine of the 16 teams will come into the tournament with a winning record; two more will be .500; and two are only one game under the break-even mark.

Venice stands at 2-3 after

losing to University City last week in the Civic Memorial Superfan Shootout. The Red Devils will be looking to break a two-game skid against Valmeyer.

The favorite coming into the tournament will be Gibault High School of Waterloo. But as anyone who has seen this tournament before knows, the favorite's role doesn't necessarily mean anything.

Gibault, coached by Dennis Rueter, enters the tournament at 6-0. The Hawks are led by sharp-shooting junior Josh Toal. With Jeff Riebeling, Matt Traubner, Dan Weber and Brent Roever making up the rest of the starting five, the Hawks look strong. They don't figure to

have any trouble in the 2:30 p.m. opener against Lovejoy (2-3).

Cross-town rival Waterloo (6-1), coached by Rick Keefe, may have something to say about how far the Hawks go. The two Waterloo schools are in the same bracket and could meet in the semifinals Wednesday.

THE BULLDOGS' ONLY loss was a one-point setback at the hands of Lebanon on Dec. 3. Tim Keefe, a 6-1 senior, leads the balanced Bulldog attack. Jeremy Gregson, a 6-4 senior, can be a force under the basket, and 6-1 senior Tim Veath has come off the bench to provide a spark for the Bulldogs all season.

Waterloo will have to play the

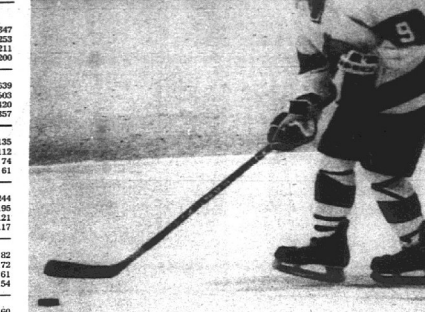
Columbia-Freeburg Holiday Tournament First Round, Monday, Dec. 27	
Game 1: Venice vs. Valmeyer	10:00 a.m.
Game 2: Waterloo vs. Lovejoy	10:30 a.m.
Game 3: Dupo vs. Lebanon	11:00 a.m.
Game 4: Lovejoy vs. Gibault	11:30 a.m.
Game 5: Pass Christian vs. Freeburg	12:00 p.m.
Game 6: Hillsboro, Mo. vs. Red Bud	12:30 p.m.
Game 7: Collinsville vs. Waterloo	1:00 p.m.
Game 8: Columbia vs. New Athens	1:30 p.m.
Second Round, Tuesday, Dec. 28	
Game 9: Lovejoy Game 1 vs. Lovejoy Game 2, 10 a.m.	Game 10: Lovejoy Game 3 vs. Lovejoy Game 4, 11:30 a.m.
Game 11: Lovejoy Game 5 vs. Lovejoy Game 6, 12:30 p.m.	Game 12: Lovejoy Game 7 vs. Lovejoy Game 8, 1:30 p.m.
Game 13: Lovejoy Game 9 vs. Lovejoy Game 10, 2:30 p.m.	Game 14: Lovejoy Game 11 vs. Lovejoy Game 12, 3:30 p.m.
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Game 17: Lovejoy Game 17 vs. Lovejoy Game 18, 6:30 p.m.	Game 18: Lovejoy Game 19 vs. Lovejoy Game 20, 7:30 p.m.
Third Round, Wednesday, Dec. 29	
Game 19: Lovejoy Game 21 vs. Lovejoy Game 22, 10 a.m.	Game 20: Lovejoy Game 23 vs. Lovejoy Game 24, 11:30 a.m.
Game 21: Lovejoy Game 25 vs. Lovejoy Game 26, 12:30 p.m.	Game 22: Lovejoy Game 27 vs. Lovejoy Game 28, 1:30 p.m.
Game 23: Lovejoy Game 29 vs. Lovejoy Game 30, 2:30 p.m.	Game 24: Lovejoy Game 31 vs. Lovejoy Game 32, 3:30 p.m.
Game 25: Lovejoy Game 33 vs. Lovejoy Game 34, 4:30 p.m.	Game 26: Lovejoy Game 35 vs. Lovejoy Game 36, 5:30 p.m.
Game 27: Lovejoy Game 37 vs. Lovejoy Game 38, 6:30 p.m.	Game 28: Lovejoy Game 39 vs. Lovejoy Game 40, 7:30 p.m.
Final Round, Thursday, Dec. 30	
Game 29: Lovejoy Game 41 vs. Lovejoy Game 42, 10 a.m.	Game 30: Lovejoy Game 43 vs. Lovejoy Game 44, 11:30 a.m.
Game 31: Lovejoy Game 45 vs. Lovejoy Game 46, 12:30 p.m.	Game 32: Lovejoy Game 47 vs. Lovejoy Game 48, 1:30 p.m.
Game 33: Lovejoy Game 49 vs. Lovejoy Game 50, 2:30 p.m.	Game 34: Lovejoy Game 51 vs. Lovejoy Game 52, 3:30 p.m.
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Game 39: Lovejoy Game 61 vs. Lovejoy Game 62, 8:30 p.m.	Game 40: Lovejoy Game 63 vs. Lovejoy Game 64, 9:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

Bowling

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Team high game	375
Firebirds	217
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Firebirds	858
Mermaids	858
Wolfhounds	639
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D.J. Coffell	132
Jason Taylor	130
Chris Taylor	134
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Chris Taylor	327
North Ray	327
D.J. Coffell	315
Chris Taylor	315
Team high game	101
Emily Skouby	94
Janice Paulson	92
Jeff Michelle	63
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Emily Skouby	238
Janice Paulson	238
Jeff Michelle	162
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Terrific Three	472
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Charles Kivelen	91
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Raymond Kivelen	77
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Charles Kivelen	151
Raymond Kivelen	151
David Nevenom	147
Team high series	96
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Charles Kivelen	162
David Nevenom	162
Raymond Kivelen	162
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Baby Bops	221
Team high series	458
2 Bowling Buddies	458
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Baby Bops	421
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John Schucke	90
Kevin Paulson	90
Tommy Hickham	89
Jeremy Whitaker	89

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Tawni Martin	141
Team high game	412
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Cundiff/Rinehart	1452
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Jeff Pittman	214
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Philip Dean	752
Jeff Pittman	727
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Shelly Goleman	671
Christy Cahill	548
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Shelly Pulaski	139
Christy Cahill	139
Katie Gregory	139
Team high series	459
Stacey Davenport	459
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Team high game	204
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Misty Clark	164
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Team high game	347
Team high series	233
Little Bears	233
Lucky Ladies	211
Team 8	200
Team high game	639
Little Bears	500
Lucky Ladies	420
Team 8	357
Team high series	135
Brad Smith	135
Bryan Smith	112
Herman Rieser	74
Trevor Shields	61
Team high game	244
Brad Smith	196
Bryan Smith	196
Herman Rieser	117
Trevor Shields	117
Team high series	62
Candice Herrin	62
Laura Hayes	72
Jennifer Humphreys	61
Kathy Moreland	50
Team high game	160
Laura Hayes	143
Jennifer Humphreys	117
Kathy Moreland	103
Team high series	222
Phil Johnson	222
Rod Hartzel	216
Mike McManamy	187
Scott Fanning	177
Team high game	375
Phil Johnson	375
Rod Hartzel	340
Mike McManamy	340
Scott Fanning	328
Team high series	196
Matt Ryan	196
David Woods	152
Mark Hunter	151
Adam Granitzer	151
Team high game	357
Matt Ryan	357
David Woods	328
Mark Hunter	328
Adam Granitzer	328
Team high series	170
Lori Hartzel	170
Debbie Halldeman	164
Janice Ragan	164
Donna Jaycox	152
Team high game	332
Lori Hartzel	332
Debbie Halldeman	316
Janice Ragan	316
Donna Jaycox	297
Team high series	183
Kim Greer	183
Chris Rigan	164
Janice Ragan	164
Katie Gregory	164
Team high game	328
Lisa Daley	328
Chris Rigan	304
Janice Ragan	304
Katie Gregory	304

Terry Eddleman Billiard League

Men's winter standings after 13 weeks	A Division
Buzz's #1	1438
Lenny's	1425
Side Pocket #1	1417
Mac's Bar	1417
Gabby's #2	1376
Side Pocket #2	1376
Sammy's	1335
Bobby Sox	1229
Men's winter standings after 13 weeks	B Division
Mac's Bar 116, Side Pocket #1	1451
Bobby Sox 108, Gabby's #2 108	1451
Lenny's 107, Gabby's #1 101	1393
Sammy's 112, Side Pocket #2 112	1393
Joe Vaughn/Gabby's #1 (Twice)	1374
Bill Taunman/Gabby's #1 (Twice)	1374
Mark Gerber/Gabby's #1	1337
Tim Connor/Lenny's	1301
Men's winter standings after 13 weeks	C Division
Dever Inn	1419
9th-Hole Inn	1390
Inn Between	1373
Serranos	1366
Knifed	1366
Al's 620	1319
Scatman's	1262
Men's winter standings after 13 weeks	D Division
Inn Between 127, El Gato 83	1462
Power Inn 118, Scatman's 109	1462
Serranos 115, Al's 520 106	1462
Knifed 115, McMurphy's 102	1462
Runs From Break	1462
Bill Hagen/El Gato	1462
Joe Stunner/McMurphy's	1462
Eight Ball on Break	1462
Tip Top	1462
Men's winter standings after 13 weeks	E Division
Dever Inn	1419
9th-Hole Inn	1390
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Serranos	1366
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Granite City Park District

Basketball (Dec. 19)	Hoosier
Jacobsmeyers	4-0
A.S.J. Custom Printing	3-1
Purpleness	3-1
Rebels	3-1
Cat Dugan	3-2
Abrecht-Hamlin Chev.	4-0
Hit-N-Piece	1-2
The Program	0-5
Baseball (Dec. 19)	Hoosier
Cat Daddies 64, Carquest 48	4-0
Jacobsmeyers 121, The Program 82	4-0
Baseball (Dec. 19)	Hoosier
Kramden's	3-0
Electric Mud Puppies	3-0
Kramden's II	3-1
Patterson Tire	1-2
Evenson Chiropractic	3-1
Hoopers	3-1
Shirts-N-Stuff	3-1
Pace Hardware	0-3
Baseball (Dec. 19)	Hoosier
Kramden's II 58, Shirts-N-Stuff 46	4-0
Patterson Tire 61, Patterson Tire 61	4-0
Evenson Chiropractic 55, Hoopers 41	4-0
Baseball (Dec. 19)	Hoosier
Jacobsmeyers	3-0
Guns	1-0
Burns Liquor	2-1
Baseball (Dec. 19)	Hoosier
Ernie & Annie's	17-4
E.P.A.I.	13-2
Six Pack	4-17
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M DOPEKE-HURD
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Granite City assistant coach Greg Garland (left) watches as older brother Mike calls the shots in a recent meet.

•Garlands

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"The competitive spirit was there," Mike Garland said. "You could tell by the way we were yelling at the kids."

And... "We could have performed a little better," Steve Garland said. "I don't think we wrestled Granite City as well as we could have."

Meanwhile... "I didn't say anything," Pat Garland said.

A dilemma, indeed. Granite City-Belleview West wrestling matches figure to bring the family together for the rest of the year—and quite possibly, years to come. Earlier this year, Steve Garland, 37, succeeded longtime coach John Wehmeier as the Maroons' coach.

Mike, 40 and in his seventh year as a head coach, took over the Warriors' program in 1987. Greg, 31, came in as an assistant coach a year later and is now the Warriors' top assistant.

High-school wrestling has always held a special place in the Garland family, and it always will.

The tradition began when Mike, the second-oldest of four boys, took up the sport in the late 1960s at Central Junior High School. He passed on several wrestling moves to his two younger brothers.

The Garland household was a sports-minded place where the three brothers would watch television and wrestle during commercial breaks.

"We wore out the carpet," Steve Garland said.

"We called it commercial wrestling," Greg Garland said. "Whoever got the most points would win. We tore up stereos, TVs and couches. My parents tolerated it because they knew wrestling meant a lot to us."

The three brothers all enjoyed playing whiteball as well. But it was wrestling that shaped their lives. All three wrestled at around the same weight in high school, 110.

Ironically, the oldest Garland brother, Bob, did not become a wrestler.

"Probably the best wrestler of the bunch didn't even wrestle," Mike Garland said. "He was stronger than all of us."

As a senior at Granite City High School, Mike Garland became a state qualifier in 1971. He then attended Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and enjoyed a successful wrestling career.

Steve followed suit after qualifying for state as a junior and senior. He, too, wrestled at SIUE.

"Mike got it started and I just followed in his footsteps," Steve Garland said.

Now, all three are in coaching. Thus far, Mike has enjoyed the most success on the sidelines.

As will Patrick. Despite having no players taller than 6-3, the Lions are highly skilled.

"Traditionally, they've had outstanding teams," Bone said. "They're certainly capable of coming in here and winning it if they play well."

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—Mike Garland
GCHS coach

"I just took what I learned and passed it on to Steve," Mike Garland said.

A few years later, Greg Garland would carry on the family name. After qualifying for state as a junior at Granite City in 1980, he returned to Champaign as a senior the following year.

Greg's senior year was Mike's first as an assistant coach to Red Schmitt. At the same time, Steve was an assistant at Triad. When Greg advanced to state, both brothers and his parents were there to watch.

The experience left a lasting impression on Mike and Steve. Greg made it to the semifinals and eventually placed fifth.

"Probably one of the biggest thrills for me was coaching Greg, especially at the state tournament," Mike said. "When I coached Greg, that probably determined whether I could be a coach. That showed me patience. Being a good wrestler and a good coach are different things because of the patience level."

"Probably the most nervous I've ever been as a coach was when Greg made it to the state semifinals," Steve Garland said. "I was just so proud. He was one match away from the state finals."

"They were as proud as Greg was getting there," Pat Garland said.

The fifth-place showing fulfilled a dream for Greg, who had grown up trying to live up to what his brothers accomplished.

"I knew I wanted to be a coach since seventh grade," Greg Garland said. "My brothers never pushed me into it. I just saw the rewards they got, and I wanted to do the same."

As a high school freshman, I felt like I had to do better than my brothers. I knew I had potential. I just had to prove it.

At the same time, Mike and Steve were proving themselves as coaches. Mike served as an assistant under Schmitt and then Walt Whitaker before going over the program in 1987.

Steve rose to the top spot at Triad in 1989 where he stayed until moving over to Belleville West in 1989. Steve became Wehmeier's assistant.

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"So far, they've been on different nights," Pat Garland said. "We switch off."

He guided the Warriors to a state tournament berth in 1992 and also led the team to an undefeated record over the regular season the past two years.

Mike Garland reached his 100th dual win last year, and the program appears to be as strong as ever. He credits the tradition at GCHS and coaching techniques learned from his two mentors and former SIUE coach Larry Kristoff.

"When you take over a program that's been successful, you just try to build on it," Mike said. "Walt Whitaker probably taught me mental toughness more than anything. Schmitt taught me how to coach. Kristoff really stressed conditioning."

Mike said he enjoys having Greg on the staff. The two frequently exchange ideas.

It was really gratifying, a couple years ago when we qualified as a team for state," Mike Garland said. "You're only as good as your assistants."

Granite City is annually one of the top teams in the area. That used to be the case at Belleville West under Wehmeier, and Steve Garland is trying to restore that tradition.

"We're a lot alike," Mike Garland said. "He wants to have a good team right now. He doesn't want to wait two or three years. Give him a couple years, and I'm sure our two teams will be butting heads."

"John Wehmeier has done a tremendous job with the program here," Steve Garland said. "It's quite an honor following a guy like him. When I was hired, I became the (Maroons') third coach in the last 57 years."

"Belleville West was Granite City's rival for a long time. I'd like to see the program get back to that level. Hopefully, we can put a little scare in my brother in Granite City."

One thing is certain. Bob and Pat Garland will be keeping watch. They have rarely missed a meet involving any of their sons.

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•Mascoutah

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tion." Triad coach Mike Moore said. "But we hope to make it an interesting game against Centralia. Their inside game is the big thing; we don't have a lot of size."

Seniors Brandy Hodges, Chris Loomis and Jane Ackerman lead the way for the Knights, who have had a rugged early season schedule. The other starters are juniors Tara Becker and Erin Roodie, big reserves are freshman Jill Heldoerfer and junior Megan Loehring.

JERSEYVILLE (7-1) returns to the tourney after a long absence.

"I started the program in 1978 and was here for four years," said Panthers coach John Grizzle, who returned to the team last season. "The first game Jerseyville ever played in girls basketball was at the Mascoutah tournament and East St. Louis beat us 34-16. We were 15-0, beat us something like 96-6."

Fifteen years later, Jerseyville is one of the top teams in the area. "A sophomore, Amy Mortensen, has stepped up and played well for us," said Grizzle, whose team plays Mascoutah at 6 p.m.

"Julie Carroll (a junior center) had 32 points against Triad. They beat us by averaging 15 or 16 points a game."

Okawville (8-0) makes its third appearance at Mascoutah. The Lady Rockets won the tourney in 1991 and finished second to Centralia last year.

"We have some experience in the backcourt," said coach Kathy Lanter, who guided Okawville to a 29-3 record and a second-place finish in the Class A state tournament last season.

"Last year we were a pressing, very quick team. This year we have some size, with three juniors (6-1 center Angie Linker and 5-9 forwards Beth Frueshner and Tiffany Lehde) who play inside very well."

The big guns for the Lady Rockets, though, are 5-7 junior Michelle Hasheider (20 ppg) and 5-4 senior Beth Hasheider (16 ppg).

FOURTH-SEEDED Wesclin (6-1) plays Belleville West (3-3) at 9:30 a.m. Wesclin fell from the ranks of the unbeaten with Tuesday's 58-55 loss at O'Fallon.

"Kristen Koch is the story for Wesclin," West coach Larry Betz said of the 5-10 junior, who is regarded as a Division I prospect. "She might be the best player in the area."

JUNIOR DAWN KARRAKER had a career-high 23 points against East.

"We had been trying to get her to do some things and all of a sudden it came together," Betz said. "I hope it helps her confidence."

Southwestern Conference rivals Belleville East and Collinsville play at 4:30 p.m. The Lancers beat the Kahoks 42-35 on Dec. 14.

"The first half wasn't very good," Belleville East coach Paul James said. "We wanted to go so, so, so, and we got a lot of pressure on ourselves."

The leading scorers for the Lancers are sophomore Joni Dallas (13.8 ppg), senior Selma Campbell (12.7 ppg) and junior Sara Burge (12 points, 9.5 rebounds per game).

Collinsville, meanwhile, will try to bounce back from Tuesday's 44-34 loss to Triad.

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THE KAHOKS RETURN to starters: junior Krista Esker and seniors Jennifer Benson and Jenny Klein. They are joined in the starting lineup by senior Christi Miller and junior Jamie Rule. The top reserves are senior Jessie Cox and sophomores Becky Lane and Crystal Tarr.

"We have a group of kids who all contribute; I can't single out one," Harrington said. "Our record has gotten us some recognition, which is nice. We just want to work on consistency at this point."

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The Lady Warriors stand at 8-2.

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"They came out shooting the ball real well. We tried to pressure them, which was a bad idea."

Junior Teresa Snowden (17 ppg) and senior Adrienne Miskell (15 ppg) are the leading scorers. "We've only had Beth Weller, who will be short-handed during the tournament."

"TIFFANY CHEATHAM is in the state chair (at Edwardsville), so she may not be there," Haas said. "Jennifer Greenwood, our first player off the bench, is going out of town with her family. Marsha Thompson, who subs for Adrienne, will also be out of town."

"But we still have four good players in Adrienne, Nicole, Teresa and Chene (Fairlie)."

Althoff, coming off a 62-46 loss to Okawville on Tuesday, has played well despite a season-ending knee injury to senior scoring leader Tracee Jones. Althoff plays against East St. Louis at 7:30 p.m.

Sophomores Jill Combs and Sara Woolsey have been the steadier players for Althoff.

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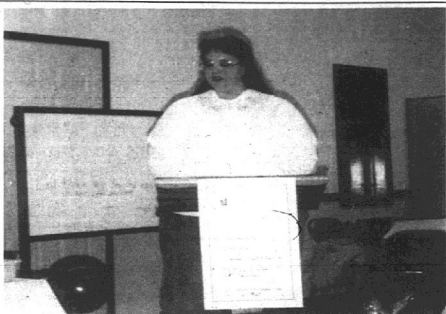
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Horoscope

Weekend conversations tend to be fresh, witty and entertaining. There may be more on your mind than you're willing to speak about. In any event, stay up to date, and make use of any extra time life bestows upon you. For some, it's a decision time — especially with regard to career issues, which you may have put off. Breathe easy, because the change will be sweet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): People tend to draw you into social situations — whether they're sought by you or not. Stay from taking on additional responsibilities. Family members look to you for leadership — and you're not about to let them down.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Life continues to draw you away from your easy chair and involve you in worldly interests. Do not be surprised if you develop a sudden interest in furthering your education. Be immune to disgruntled relatives!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You have extra mobility and insight. A first date should go well — in fact, it could be the start of a cycle of joy. Financial or physical desires are strengthened. You are ready to reclaim power over your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): If you feel sorry for someone, you're likely to buy him or her a gift. Buying in "twos" has advantages. This is no time to leap blindly into the financial fire. Something rejuvenates your marriage. Talk about deeper issues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Health or job matters can seem all-consuming. You benefit from diversifying your investment portfolio. Genuine have a way of charming you. Don't procrastinate — get those calls made. Good news comes in the evening.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 26): Emotional and spiritual riches abound in January. Take decisive action on a new plan in March, and you'll get quicker results than you expected. Play the waiting game in April. A special love comes to you in May. June and October favor finding your ideal residence. Expect strong vacation restlessness in July. Avoid getting too involved in others' problems in August.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Squeeze in some weekend study time if at all possible. Stay alert to financial opportunities without getting bogged down in unnecessary details. Don't let your happiness depend on others' responses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): The best way to impress others is by not trying to impress them. Words flow more freely with less shyness. When you're feeling on top of the world, you're likely to dip into your pocket and spend extravagantly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): There is a drive within you that compels you, one way or another, to obtain as much of the world's wealth as you can. The threat of opposition only spurs you on to success. You could slip up and reveal something.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Guard against slips of the tongue over the next two days — your judgment may be off. You'll be happier hanging around familiar surroundings or people. Succeed in learning the art of mastering your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): With the right contacts, you can buy things for wholesale. People who can be useful to you are the ones who attract you the most. Someone's independence can be a blessing in disguise. Conversation creates trust.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be a tireless worker if you believe wholeheartedly in a project. Soon, it will be time to take your act on the road. There's a great deal going on inside of you. Relaxation helps you balance stress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The last thing you need is to let someone talk you out of your hard-earned money. If out shopping, you're apt to buy for yourself last. Learn to put action behind theories. Teach others to do more for themselves.



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Batman Mask Of Phantasm (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
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CARMIKE PETITE
410 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708
Wayne's World 2 (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30
The Pelican Brief (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
Sister Act 2 (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30

CROSS KEYS CINEMA
110 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Halls Ferry, 521-9999
Beverly Hillsbillies (PG) 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:45
Jurassic Park (PG-13) 3:15, 6:00, 8:25

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-5280
Germino (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sister Act 2 (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13) 1:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Tombstone (R) 1:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
The Pelican Brief (PG-13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill.
We're Back (G) 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Addams Family Values (PG-13) 2:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
The Three Musketeers (PG) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

ESQUIRE CINE
6708 Clayton Road, 781-2200
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
Germino (PG-13) 1:15, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40
Batman Mask Of Phantasm (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00
Carlito's Way (R) 7:45, 10:45
A Perfect World (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:50

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE
2600 Target Drive, 822-4900
Sister Act 2 (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Tombstone (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
Addams Family Values (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:40, 7:55, 10:20
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A Perfect World (PG-13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
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1001 McCausland, 781-6000
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JAMESTOWN MALL CINE
140 Jamestown Mall, 741-6135

Beethoven's 2nd (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 7:50, 9:55
Tombstone (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:15, 10:55
Heaven & Earth (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

GALLERIA 6
30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722
Sister Act 2 (PG) 11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
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The Pelican Brief (PG-13) 11:10, 2:00, 5:10, 8:15, 11:00
The Pelican Brief (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30

NORTHLAND CINEMA
6 Northland Shopping Center, 283-4408
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NORTHWEST PLAZA 9
Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
Addams Family Values (PG-13) 12:05, 2:05, 4:45, 7:00, 9:10
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We're Back (G) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
My Life (PG-13) 7:00, 9:10

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main (Belleville), 233-0123
Cool Runnings (PG) 2:00, 7:15, 9:15
Jurassic Park (PG-13) 1:30, 7:00, 9:30
Malice (R) 1:45, 7:05, 9:20

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6639
Addams Family Values (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15, 9:15
The Three Musketeers (PG) 2:00, 7:00, 9:30

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NORTHWEST SQUARE 10
11160 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 291-0055
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The Pelican Brief (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
The Pelican Brief (PG-13) 2:00, 5:15, 8:15
Carlito's Way (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25
A Dangerous Woman (R) 1:15, 3:35, 6:00, 8:10, 10:10
My Life (PG-13) 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:20
Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
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QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill.
The Pelican Brief (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
Tombstone (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
Beethoven's 2nd (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
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The history and music of the St. Louis area will be the theme of Belleville Area College's Spring 1994 Discovery Series. The Discovery Series programs, a set of four educational and entertainment performances designed for children 9-12 and their families, are scheduled throughout the spring.

The series is designed to provide the same type of educational entertainment as the Children's Series, but for older children, said David Day, director of college activities. A recent survey revealed that there is an overwhelming need for this type of programming in the area, he said.

The Discovery Series includes The Illustrating Theatre Company's production of "The Arch," Feb. 17; Young Audiences of St. Louis' production of "Just Plain Folk," March 10; The Imaginary Theatre Company's production of "Trail of Tears," March 31; and "Meet Me at the Fair," with Blake Travis and the St. Louis Ragtime Quartet, April 14. All performances will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Belleville Campus Theatre, 2509 Carlyle Road.

Season tickets for the Discovery Series are \$10 each. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

The Illustrating Theatre Company, a Chicago-based children's theater group, starts off the Discovery series with "The Arch." This production is a lively play that provides a comprehensive historic view of the St. Louis region with the Gateway Arch as the centerpiece.

The next production will be a musical by the Young Audiences of St. Louis called "Just Plain Folk." The Young Audiences Folk Trio will perform a wide range of American music from grass-roots melodies to contemporary folk, including Ozark favorites and music from the Georgia Sea Island.

The Imaginary Theatre Company, the children's theater group of The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, will present the third installment of the series. The play, "Trail of Tears," tells Kathryn Schultz Miller's tale of the Cherokee leader Walking Bear.

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Alicia Skirt Granite

The Granite City 1963 Teen of the Month is as follows:
SEPTEMBER
Alicia Renee Skirt

daughter of Richard Skirtball, she attended City High School. Her awards and National Honor Society Who Among America's School Students, National Youth Leadership Council in drama, coming court, first place varsity declaration.

Students activities: dent council secretary, "High World" newspaper, Science Club, Secondary International Society, National League, homecoming cheerleader, spring varsity track team, theater club and in-leader.

She is a member of United Presbyterian Church for youth, attends work school and works and participates in plays. Her summer activity: Paddler's Dive T. Presbyterian church Summerstage Theatre and ISV Studies Workshop.

She attended elementary school and singing violin, piano, singing.

Ryan Everett I. The son of Eric and I. erkson, he attends High School.

His awards and National Honor Society award, Bell Youth award, Bell homecoming queen, invited to hear Mike speak.

Students activities: ball, soccer, cross track, tennis, Varsity president, Science Council treasurer, ball and Environment Club.

He is a member of Camp Milwaukee, the softball team. He does maintenance of the park and has Grand Canyon, Pe and Hoover Dam.

He attended elementary school and read, he was with family and traveling.

OCTOBER
Jonathan Walton The son of Dr. Jonathan Galbreath, he attends City High School. His awards and National Honor president, Outst Cross Youth Leadership Service, tennis, Science cer, Student Council Club and Football Club.

He is a member of Christian Athlete Youth organization, participated in sandbags Lemay and Bellf. His summer activity: maintenance work, skate room attend.

He attended camp, camping at Me Park, Science Club, watched girls in Chicago, Baha student council for Disneyworld, work.

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Granite City Elks Lodge names 4 Teens of the Month

The Granite City Elks Lodge 1663 Teen of the Month selections are as follows:

SEPTEMBER
Alicia Renee Skirball — The daughter of Richard and Donna Skirball, she attends Granite City High School.

Her awards and honors are National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Council on Youth Leadership, All-Second Central Cast in drama, the homecoming court, first place novice in oratorical declaration and first place varsity in oratorical declaration.

Students activities include student council secretary, Granite "High World" newspaper, Varsity Club, Science Club, Red Peppers, Secondary Honors Program, International Thespian Society, National Forensic League, homecoming play, cheerleader, spring musical, varsity track team, speech and debate club and individual play leader.

She is a member of Granite United Presbyterian Program for Youth, attends vacation bible school and works as a helper and participates in the church plays.

Her summer activities include Paddler's Dive Team, First Presbyterian co-ed softball team, Summerstage Community Theatre and ISV Summer Forensics Workshop. She attended Parkway Elementary School and enjoys playing violin, piano, dancing and singing.

RYAN EVERETT ROBERTSON — The son of Eric and Marie Robertson, he attends Granite City High School.

His awards and honors are National Honor Society, I DARE You award, Belleville Area Youth award, High Honor Roll, homecoming court and was invited to hear Mikhail Gorbachev speak.

Student activities include football, soccer, cross country, track, tennis, Varsity Club vice president, Science Club, Student Council treasurer, YMCA volleyball and Environmental Club.

He is a member of Junior "O" Club and was president and treasurer, Traveling Choir of Holy Trinity Church, was reader of Nativity of Virgin Mary Russian at the church and a Russian Kussak dancer.

His summer activities include Camp Miliwanca Leadership Camp in Michigan, manager of the softball team called Poul Play, does maintenance work at the park and has traveled to the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest and Hoover Dam.

He attended Niedringhaus Elementary School and likes to read, be with family and friends and traveling.

OCTOBER
Jonathan Walton Galbreath — The son of Dr. John and Darla Galbreath, he attends Granite City High School.

His awards and honors are National Honor Society vice president, Outstanding Red Cross Youth Leader, Youth Leadership St. Louis member, Youth Leadership St. Louis alumni, Belleville Area Youth Salute and the honor roll.

Student activities include soccer, tennis, Science Club treasurer, Student Council, Environmental Club and Foreign Policy Club.

He is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Red Cross Youth organizations and participated in sandbagging in Elmhurst, Lemay and Bellfontaine.

His summer activities include maintenance worker at the park, skate room attendant at the ice rink, park district umpire, camping at Meramec State Park, Science Club camping trip, watched girls state soccer in Chicago, Bahama vacation, student council Florida trip to Disneyworld, worked on outdoor

classroom project and the concession stand at Paddlers Swim Club.

He attended Niedringhaus Elementary School and likes art and making beaded necklaces and bracelets.

BROOKE ELIZABETH BJORKMAN — The daughter of Pamela Bjorkman, she attends Granite City High School.

Her awards and honors are National Honor Society, Secondary Honor Program, International Cheerleading Foundation, Tour of Champions, All-American Team, Paddler's

Swim Club coaches award, Paddler's Dive Team coaches award, St. Louis Youth Leadership and Belleville Area Youth Salute.

Student activities include Student Council vice president, Alpha Peer leader, Science Club vice president, Foreign Policy Club treasurer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes vice president, Varsity Club, Varsity Girls Soccer, soccer and basketball cheerleader varsity captain and Red Peppers Spirit Club.

She is an Eucharistic minister, Red Cross Youth Board member, Interracial Coordinating

committee member and United Way Youth Allocations member.

Her summer activities include yearly select soccer trips to Tennessee, Wisconsin, Indiana and Oklahoma; Paddler's concession stand employee, Granite City Army Depot lifeguard, private swim lesson teacher and chiropractic office employee for Dr. Mark Eavenson.

She attended St. Elizabeth Catholic School and Coolidge Junior High School and enjoys needle point, reading and jogging.

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Service awards — Honored by Hudson Jewelers Ltd. at its Christmas party, held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis, are, from left, Janet Belshe, 15 years of service; Jamie Cobble, five years; John Hudson, 10 years; and Peggy Nickles, 25 years of service. Hudson Jewelers Ltd. will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1994.

Swine producers offered program

An expert-designed, user-friendly educational program for swine producers will be offered in 1994. The program, which runs from January and February 1994, is the first of the 1994 Illinois Swine Summit sponsored by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service with support from the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources. Each program begins at 9:30 a.m. with a standard morning session. Some sites will also have afternoon sessions. The information will be presented in a form that allows producers to put it immediately to work for them, said Gilbert Collins, UI Extension swine specialist and coordinator of the seminars. The latest research findings on a variety of industry-related topics will be presented by experts in these areas. Detailed information about registration and programs for specific sites can be obtained by contacting the local Extension office.

The dates and locations are:
 "Jan. 11 — Macomb, McDonough County 4-H Center
 "Jan. 12 — Perry, UI Orr Research Center
 "Jan. 13 — East Peoria, Ramada Inn
 "Jan. 14 — Petersburg, River Ridge Restaurant
 "Jan. 18 — Carlinville, Holiday Inn (I-55 & Illinois 108)
 "Jan. 19 — Effingham, Ramada Inn
 "Jan. 20 — Arthur, Dutch Oven Restaurant
 "Feb. 3 — Albion, Edwards County Fairgrounds
 "Feb. 9 — Ullin, Shawnee Community College
 "Feb. 10 — Belleville, Turkey Hill Grange
 "Feb. 15 — Mount Carroll, Farm Bureau Building
 "Feb. 16 — DeKalb, DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building
 "Feb. 17 — Princeton, Lincoln Inn
 "Feb. 18 — Aledo, First Baptist Church.

Corps to charge for senior passports

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin collecting a fee for issuing Golden Age Passports beginning Jan. 1. This fee was directed in recent deficit reduction legislation, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-66). The fee will be a one-time \$10 charge to cover the administrative costs of issuing the passports. All federal agencies which honor the passports will also begin collecting the fee on Jan. 1.

The Golden Age Passport is issued to individuals who are 62 years of age or older. It entitles the holder to free entrance at all national parks and a 50 percent reduction in user fees at federal recreation areas. Eligible applicants may obtain a Golden Age Passport at most Corps of Engineers offices upon showing proof of age. The passport will continue to be issued free of charge until Jan. 1. More information may be obtained by contacting the Rent Lake Management Office at 724-2493.

Life member — D.W. Brown Reardon is announcing that Cathy Busch has topped the \$3 million sales mark in 1993. This is the second year Busch has been given this award. She is a life member in the \$2-million Club and has been a Realtor since 1978.

Lifetime commitment

Japanese firms avoid laying off workers

In the United States, cutting personnel is considered an efficient way for a business to cut costs. But in Japan, the companies are reluctant to lay off employees and will only do so as the very last resort.

A Belleville Area College luncheon seminar titled "United States and Japan: A Profitable Partnership," provided a forum for college officials and area business leaders to discuss the differences between business practices in the two cultures. The luncheon, sponsored by the IAC Business Assistance Center, included authentic Japanese cuisine prepared by the college's Culinary Arts Program.

About 20 area business leaders and college faculty attended the luncheon at the Granite City Campus of BAC.

Yoshiaki Shibusawa, director of Optec Sales of America, Chairman of Verick Inc. and a native of Japan, told guests at the luncheon, that in Japan, when a worker joins a company it is considered a lifetime commitment.

Japanese companies consider hiring and training an employee to be an investment, therefore, they do not willingly let go of

their employees.

Employees of Japanese companies generally do not want to leave their jobs because the companies have a secure family or team atmosphere, Shibusawa said.

Improving job security and improving the relationship between the employers and the employees might be a good lesson for American companies, he said.

Dr. William Haskins, president of Haskins Learning Center, who visited Japan with a group of students, said the business respect for others is a high priority in the Japanese business world.

"Business is not just a deal, it is a long-term relationship," he said.

Because the Japanese consider anyone they do business with to be customer or a potential customer, they treat one another with a great deal more respect than is the custom in American business practices.

Haskins said Americans may benefit from developing relationships rather than just concentrating on deals.

Michael Patton, manager of Maintenance Cold Roll Products at National Steel in Granite City,

said because National Steel is owned by the Japanese a similar style of management is employed here in America.

The Japanese allow the workers to help make decisions about the way the company is run. National Steel has developed joint labor/management committees to discuss business decisions. Patton believes that opening the lines of communication between management and labor is the key to a successful business.

Shibusawa pointed out that one American business technique that Japanese companies lack is the practice of giving employees feedback on their performance.

In Japan, workers are not privy to their annual performance review. Employees are never told what their strengths are or how to improve their weaknesses.

Also, luncheon guests were treated to a brief lesson in etiquette from Satoshi Toyosaki, a student and part-time Japanese instructor from McKendree College.

For more information about Business Assistance Center programs, call 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 201.

Electronic filing to begin in January

People claiming refunds, as well as those who owe money, can have their 1993 federal income tax returns filed electronically starting in January, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Usually offered for a fee by many professional tax preparers as well as some banks and employers, electronic filing involves a computer and a telephone modem to send returns directly to the IRS. This service is available to people who do their own returns as well as those who have them professionally prepared.

Electronic filing can save time, trouble and worry by speeding up refunds and cutting down errors, the IRS says. A refund is issued within three weeks after the IRS receives the return.

People can get their money even faster by choosing to have their refunds deposited directly into their bank accounts. Since direct deposit eliminates the possibility of a lost or stolen check, it may be particularly attractive to people who travel a lot, move soon after filing, live in high-crime areas, or for whatever reason have difficulty getting their mail.

The IRS electronically verifies receipt of electronically filed returns within two days.

SIUE center starts day care for school-age kids

A day-care center for school-age children, The Tower Lake Children's Center, has been established by the Early Childhood Center of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in Building 420 of SIUE's Tower Lake student housing complex. An open house will be conducted at the newly remodeled children's center from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, both in Building 420 on the lower west side.

The new service is being funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

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Pony Mail awards prizes for opening

Marian Kastelle of Granite City won first prize Pony Mailbox and Business Center, 24 Namekivi, Granite City.

The presentation was to celebrate Pony Mailbox Business Center's grand opening. First prize consisted of a U.S. savings bond.

Second prize was a two at Brenda's Resto was won by Patti Phil Granite City. The third prize was a gift certificate for Pony Mailbox and Business Center, was won by Patti Phil Granite City. Pony Mailbox and Business Center, owned and operated by Nancy and John Ullrich, provides a one-stop business center.

Pony Mailbox provides convenience and a full business service for sales representatives, sales the general public.

Although the concept around for several years, original franchise was established in 1982, the full-service facility has offered in Granite City.

Pony Mailbox and Business Center offers United States Service shipping, U.S. shipping, and shipping of other companies.

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Second prize was a dinner for two at Brenda's Restaurant, and was won by Patti Pickett of Granite City. The third prize, a \$25 gift certificate for Pony Mailbox and Business Center services, was won by Mary Cory of Granite City.

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Pony Mailbox and Business Center offers United Parcel Service shipping, U.S. Postal shipping, and shipping services of other companies.

Additional services offered include rental of mailboxes, photocopyers, FAX machines, secretarial equipment, AMEX money orders, and packaging and shipping supplies.

Pony Mailbox and Business Center acts as an independent agent for major shipping firms such as UPS and Federal Express.

Shipping services anywhere in the world are offered for the community and are frequently used by small businesses and college students as well as the average household.

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Marian Kastelic, left, receives first prize and Mary Cory, right, receives third prize from Nancy Ulahey, center, of Pony Mailbox.

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To begin the process, you simply need to complete a "Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement." This is available free from Social Security and you can call or visit any Social Security office to get this form. I also have a supply of these forms and you can call my Granite City office and I will mail you how many you need, free of charge. (See telephone number at the end of this article.)

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Brian Mulhall

minutes.

You should receive your personalized statement back from Social Security in six weeks or less.

Once you receive the information, and if your records agree with Social Security, then you should file the statement and re-submit a new document at least every other year.

If your records do not agree with Social Security, you should contact them at the 800 number provided to you in their document. They can usually help you by phone.

Social Security is one area of your retirement plan that is easy to overlook until you are ready to file for it.

You are entitled to know if your records are right. So, if you have never filed one of these forms, or it has been several years since you have filed, add this to your 1994 checklist.

Brian Mulhall is a partner with America Group Financial Services. He can be reached in Granite City at 831-7322.

SEMC psychiatrist earns certification

Kenneth N. Sonnenschein, MD, recently received board certification in child and adolescent psychiatry. This follows his board certification in general psychiatry which he received in May.

Sonnenschein practices child, adolescent and adult psychiatry in his office at 19 Professional Park Drive, Maryville, 288-2888. He is a member of the medical staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Board certification symbolizes a physician has demonstrated competence and has met high standards set by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology," Dr. Sonnenschein said. "This tells patients that their care is in good hands."

Sonnenschein received his medical degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1987.

He then completed his internship in 1988 at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., working in the internal medicine, intensive care, psychiatric and neurology departments.

Following his internship, he completed his residency at Georgetown University Medical Center in general psychiatry. Dr. Sonnenschein also completed a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at Georgetown.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, Illinois Psychiatric Society and American Academy of Child Psychiatry.

Note of thanks — Donald Adams, left, chairman of the board of Guardian Savings Bank in Granite City, presents Director Richard Ervay with a copy of a resolution thanking Ervay for his 17 years of service to the bank.

Propellex gets Navy contract

The U.S. Department of the Navy has awarded the Propellex Corporation of Edwardsville, a \$5,721,713 contract for the production of the MK 186 MOD 2 TORCH, a ship-launched expendable decoy, which will support the Program Executive Officer for Theater Air Defense, U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) announced recently.

"I am pleased to announce this important contract for the Propellex Corporation which has facilities in Edwardsville and Greenville," Durbin said. "Not only is this contract good news for Edwardsville and Greenville, it is also important to our national security. This decoy is an important component of our nation's Theater Air Defense system."

Ronald Jones, vice president and general manager of the Pro-

pellex Corporation, said, "We are very proud to have won this contract award. Our competition consisted of large multi-billion dollar corporations. The MK 186 MOD 2 TORCH is an outstanding, high quality protection system for the Navy Surface Fleet."

Jones said that Propellex currently produces a sister component of the MK 186 MOD 2 TORCH for radar counter measures.

The work will be performed in Edwardsville and Greenville and is scheduled to be completed in December of 1996. The contract is expected to allow Propellex to maintain its current level of approximately 200 employees.

The contract was competitively procured. More than 50 proposals were solicited and five proposals were received.

ICC approves funding of IP subsidiary

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved funding of a subsidiary of Illinois Power that operates in the emerging independent power market.

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A scene from *Tableaux Vivant*, elementary classroom teachers portray the pilgrims finally arriving on land after their journey. Shown, from left, are Kim Johannpeter, Parkview; Kay Clay, Niedringhaus; Eva Podnar, Niedringhaus; Sharon Reader, Mitchell; and Linda McDonnell, Parkview.

Local teachers 'study' drama

Sixty-three teachers — one representative teacher from kindergarten through sixth grade from each of the Granite City district's nine elementary schools — participated in hands-on activities using drama in the classroom with consultant Viki Oliver on Nov. 16 and 17. This teacher training service, part of the development of the elementary school fine arts curriculum, is one of the workshops funded by the \$17,000 kindergarten through sixth grade comprehensive arts grant awarded to the district this year.

The various drama activities, which included the use of music and rhythmic movement, introduced teachers to integrating drama with other subjects in the elementary classroom.

One of the drama activities, called *Tableaux Vivant* or Living Statues, is a springboard to several uses in the classroom, such as participating in group activities, writing ideas and working as a team.

The *Tableaux* helps students in various ways: finding the humanity in education, expressing an opinion and validating an idea. Specifically, students make a picture with their bodies when depicting a particular scene.

While creating this "photograph," they study sequence and recognize emotions. When depicting a historical scene, students realize figures in history are real people, because the *Tableaux* makes them three dimensional.

Free eye exams to be offered

Two optometric groups will be offering free eye examinations early in 1994 for low-income working people and their families throughout Illinois, according to state Sen. Frank Watson, D-Greenview.

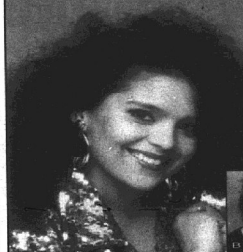
"This is an opportunity for check-ups for individuals who don't have coverage for health care and whose incomes won't stretch to cover eye care," Watson said. "The program will match eligible patients with volunteer doctors of optometry in their communities. Examinations will be free of charge, and those needing eyeglasses will be asked to pay a fee of \$20."

The program is called VISION USA and is sponsored by the Illinois and American Optometric Associations. Applications can be made between Jan. 3-31 by calling 1-800-766-4466 on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. for eligible screening. Written applications also available by writing to VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141, and these must be returned by Jan. 25.

The goal of the program is to help working people who do not have access to medical care," Watson said. "Applicants must not be covered by private health insurance, Medicaid or Medicare and must have incomes below set levels, based on family size. They must have jobs or live in households where at least one person is working, and they cannot have had exams during the past 12 months."

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In addition to listing the premiums charged by each insurance company licensed to sell Medicare supplement insurance in Illinois, the guide provides other useful information such as: each company's waiting period for pre-existing conditions; whether or not a company provides coverage for Medicare disabled persons under age 65; and whether a company has a cross-over agreement with Medicare that allows claims to be sent automatically to the supplemental insurance carrier.

"We are very excited that we can finally offer Illinois seniors specific price information that will enable them to make more informed buying decisions," said insurance Director Stephen F. Selke. "Prior to the standardization of Medicare supplement policies, it was very difficult to provide meaningful price comparisons because there were so many different policies on the market."

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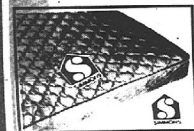
Marshall — Students in Ron Keeton's third/fourth grade class and Donna Polivick's third grade class had the opportunity to hear Cindy Cochran, registered dental hygienist, as she presented a program on dental hygiene. Cochran is from the office of Dr. Kent J. Splaingard.

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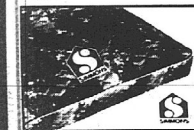
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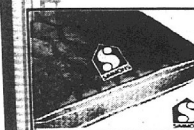
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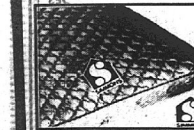
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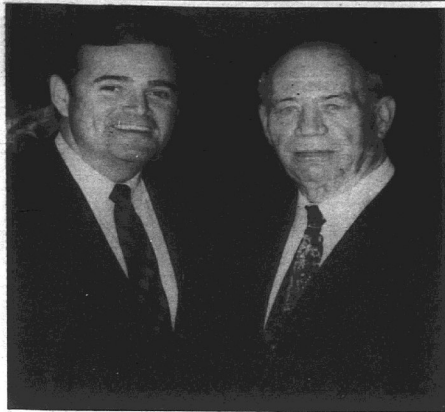
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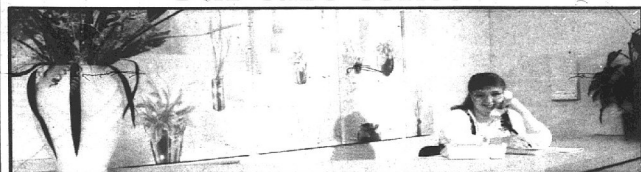
near — At right, Attorney Al Hofeld of Chicago, left, a candidate for Illinois attorney general, and Mayor Ron Selph of Granite City were among the more than 1,000 guests who wished Madison County Board Chairman Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer a happy birthday Dec. 6 at his annual fund-raiser at St. Gregory Hall. At left, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, left, congratulates Hagnauer.

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All applications must be picked up and returned at the Madison County Sheriff's Department, 405 Rendle Street, Edwardsville, Illinois only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, December 20, 1993 and ending December 30, 1993.

All applicants must meet the following requirements at the time the application is filed:

- U.S. Citizen
- Madison County resident
- Minimum age of 21 years
- High School Diploma or GED with EMT certification at "A" level or three years experience as a police dispatcher

Applicants are advised that the Communications Officer 1971 position requires good motor skills, visual acuity, good hearing and the ability to perform under stressful conditions.

Applicants will be required to undergo a written examination.

Persons who wish to claim preference points must attach a copy of their DD Form 214 or other proof of honorable discharge to their application. Copy of the EMT certification must be attached to the application.

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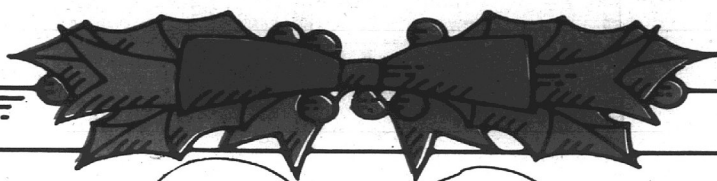
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4864 BLACK	'20,154	'16,599	'3,555	

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STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4005 RED GT	'13,544	'10,954	'2,590	
4028 WHITE 5 DR.	'11,679	'9,354	'2,325	
4529 RED 4 DR.	'13,023	'9,928	'3,095	
4558 RED 3 DR	'9,320	'8,096	'1,224	
4793 WHITE 4 DR	'11,923	'9,528	'2,395	
5096 RED 3 DR.	'12,133	'10,124	'2,009	

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STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4374 BLUE CONV.	'23,553	'19,999	'3,554	
4636 WHITE CONV.	'24,386	'20,744	'3,642	
4616 WHITE CONV.	'22,939	'19,599	'3,340	
4823 RED	'14,432	'11,493	'2,939	
4768 BLUE	'14,517	'11,545	'2,972	
4780 WHITE	'18,933	'15,912	'3,021	
5050 BLUE	'19,554	'16,442	'3,112	

TEMPO				
STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4550 WHITE	'10,666	'8,399	'2,267	
5012 BLUE	'13,539	'10,430	'3,109	
5011 GREEN	'13,539	'10,430	'3,109	
4651 RED	'13,366	'10,277	'3,089	

TAURUS				
STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4384 RED SHO	'24,829	'19,499	'5,330	
4375 BLACK SHO	'24,829	'19,499	'5,330	
4663 WHITE SHO	'26,999	'20,871	'6,128	
4942 RED SHO	'27,595	'21,399	'6,196	
5060 WHITE	'20,031	'15,795	'4,236	

THUNDERBIRD				
STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4537 BLACK S.C.	'25,431	'20,420	'5,011	

CROWN VICTORIA				
STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4086 GREEN	'22,414	'18,999	'3,415	

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5067 RED	'18,929	'14,499	'4,430	
5063 GREEN	'18,929	'14,499	'4,430	

5100 GREEN	'18,929	'14,499	'4,430
5093 BLUE	'19,097	'14,562	'4,535
5094 RED	'19,778	'15,219	'4,559
5101 RED	'19,097	'14,642	'4,455

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STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4227 MOCHA F250	'19,585	'16,130	'3,455	
4299 BLUE F150	'20,089	'16,428	'3,661	
4847 BLUE F150	'17,313	'13,999	'3,314	
5007 WHITE F150	'37,022	'28,645	'8,377	
5032 MOCHA F150	'17,641	'14,360	'3,281	
4990 BLUE F150	'18,662	'14,796	'3,866	
4969 RED F150	'19,193	'15,758	'3,435	
4889 RED F150	'18,079	'14,731	'3,348	
4852 GREY F150	'18,079	'14,731	'3,348	
4851 RED F150	'17,589	'14,299	'3,290	
4832 RED F150	'17,589	'14,299	'3,290	
4821 BLUE F150	'18,588	'15,149	'3,439	
4803 BLUE F150	'19,049	'15,117	'3,932	
4802 BLUE F150	'19,049	'15,117	'3,932	
4788 WHITE F150	'18,588	'15,147	'3,439	
4699 RED F150	'18,588	'15,149	'3,439	
4621 MOCHA F150	'15,383	'12,850	'2,533	
4660 BLACK LIGHTNING	'23,101	'17,999	'5,102	
4646 BLACK LIGHTNING	'23,101	'17,999	'5,102	
4555 GREEN F150	'15,283	'12,858	'2,525	

RANGER				
STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4535 MOCHA	'14,153	'11,860	'2,293	
4884 BLACK SPLASH			'15,397	

CONVERSION VANS				
STOCK #	LIST PRICE	YOUR PRICE	SAVE	
4266 MARK III	'28,463	'18,634	'9,829	
4284 MARK II	'28,463	'18,634	'9,829	
4572 JAYCO	'36,708	'26,597	'10,111	
4573 JAYCO	'36,437	'27,999	'8,438	
4647 KENTRON	'35,424	'24,998	'10,426	
4648 KENTRON	'30,495	'19,988	'10,507	
4649 KENTRON	'30,804	'19,999	'10,805	
4653 KENTRON	'31,824	'20,918	'10,906	
4654 KENTRON	'32,000	'21,908	'10,092	
4675 KENTRON	'30,205	'19,999	'10,206	
4703 STARCRAFT	'33,511	'23,399	'10,112	
4734 KENTRON	'30,804	'20,907	'9,897	
4735 KENTRON	'32,890	'22,888	'9,992	
4973 KENTRON	'31,044	'19,999	'11,045	
5082 MARK III	'30,683	'19,999	'10,684	

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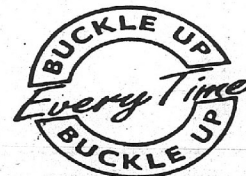
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